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SUMMARY.

The independence of Bulgaria was proclaimed yesterday morning at Tirnovo.

The "Times" Paris correspondent previously stated that Bulgaria would announce its independence, and that Austria will annex the country to-day.

This has caused some commotion in Europe, and Russia virtually says that she will tear up the Treaty of Berlin.

It is also reported that Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria will assume the title of Czar of the Bulgarians.

A French and English protest will be made against the Austro-Bulgarian lawless action, and it is hinted that a conference of the Powers is probable.

It is stated that the negotiations for the Austrian annexation of Bulgaria have been conducted in perfect secrecy.

"The peace of Europe may hang in the balance to-morrow" is the significant remark of the Paris correspondent of the "Times."

"The Neue Freie Presse" learns that the Emperor of Austria has proposed changing the relations of Austria-Hungary toward Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Asquith, in a speech at Earlston, referred to the land problem as part of the wider problem of how to mitigate the glaring anomalies of modern society.

He also stated that the Government was compelled by the exigencies of political machinery to proceed piecemeal with the work of reform.

A demonstration of 4000 unemployed was held in Trafalgar-square, London, on Sunday.

Proposals to the Powers have been made by the British Government with a view of ending the Orient railway dispute.

President Castro informed the Venezuelan Senate on Saturday that he had refused to receive the Dutch note respecting the expulsion of the Dutch Minister.

It is expected that Holland will blockade Guayra and Maracaibo, two Venezuelan ports, in November.

Allegations were made in New York that President Roosevelt and Mr. W. A. Taft are concerned in buying Panama Canal stocks to resell them to the United States.

The International Association for Labour at Berne advocates legislation to suppress sweating.

Colonel Seely, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, predicts the establishment of a great Council of the Empire to discuss Asiatic immigration.

Lord Dudley, the Governor-General, Sir Harry Rawson, the State Governor, and Sir Frederick Darley, the Lieutenant-Governor, attended the A.J.C. races yesterday.

Moolten won the Metropolitan at Randwick yesterday. He also won it last year.

Hood, the rider of Plunder, one of the horses which fell in the Metropolitan yesterday, received concussion of the brain.

The Shorts was won at Randwick yesterday by Soultline in the record time of 1m 13½s. Zilka won the Breeders' Plate.

Two horses fell during the race and interfered with the favourite, Blue Book, who did not finish.

In the Steeplechase two horses, Tyrone and Terraba, fell and were killed, but their jockeys escaped uninjured.

At Randwick rifle butts yesterday a match, 40 men a side, between the naval and military and the rifle clubs, was won by the former.

Dr. Willmott, Government Veterinarian of Tasmania, has discovered that extraordinary cattle mortality near Beaconsfield in that State is primarily due to fumes from the adjacent mines.

Western Australia's population on September 30 is estimated at 270,734 persons, an increase of 632 during the month.

During September the gold yield in Western Australia was 138,240oz fine, and for the nine months of the present year the mines have yielded 1,227,370oz.

New Zealand has during the past nine months exported 392,442oz gold, and last month 64,135oz.

A debate has taken place in the Tasmanian State Parliament on some allegations respecting land dummying on King Island.

The main event of yesterday's holiday was the Eight-hour procession, in which representatives of 57 trades' societies took part.

A high wind was blowing, and many of the union banners were badly torn. The damage is estimated at from £1500 to £2000.

The prize for the best display was won by the Printers' Society, who had a representation of Britannia with her colonies grouped around her.

Prayers for rain were offered at Dubbo on Sunday. Consequent on the drought, all crops have gone off and no harvest is expected.

Mr. Price, Premier of South Australia, will meet Sir Thomas Bent and Mr. Wade in Melbourne to discuss the Murray Waters question.

Expert evidence was called in Melbourne yesterday at the Sunshine railway disaster trial relative to the Westinghouse brake.

Mr. Bayley, Westinghouse brake expert, considered that the brakes were on the Bendigo train at the time of the collision.

The New Zealand Treasurer states that the revenue for last financial year exceeded that of the previous year by £310,483.

Mr. W. Hall Jones, New Zealand Minister for Works, is stated to be the new High Commissioner for the Dominion in London.

A public meeting at Newnes has resolved to petition the Federal Government to grant a shale and oil bonus.

Dr. Paton is to be appointed Inspector-General of Charities, in place of Mr. G. E. Brodie, who goes to the Taxation Department.

Savings amounting to £5000 a year will, it is expected, be effected in the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works by a rearrangement of the staff.

The Albury Agricultural Society has carried a resolution, protesting against further curtailment of travelling stock reserves.

Retrenchment in the Government service in New Caledonia is being carried out. Officers of the Justice and Convict departments are affected.

Appeals in the Albury municipality have resulted in the council's valuations being reduced by £30,000.

James M'Call, a grocer of North Melbourne, was robbed by an armed burglar early yesterday morning.

Fourteen days' notice has been served on the miners at the Balmain colliery that their services are to be dispensed with.

It is stated that this is done by order of the London directorate, and that the mine will be closed for an indefinite time.

Licensed dairies and slaughter-houses in the Molong municipality have been adversely reported on by the Board of Health inspector.

Mr. G. Westgarth, of Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., solicitors, died at Campbelltown yesterday.

In several of the country districts advantage was taken of the holiday to hold rifle matches.

The diamond jubilee of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows in Sydney was celebrated last night.

During the proceedings it was stated that £720,000 had been distributed in sick and other benefits by the order.

Mr. Hesketh, chief electrical engineer to the Postal Department, calculates that it will require £3,000,000 to place our telephone and telegraph wires in proper order.

G. Horder, of Sydney, won the mile professional cycling championship at the Labour carnival yesterday.

A Chinese Consul-General for Australia will arrive in February, and will have his headquarters in Melbourne.

Mr. P. J. Fredericks, aged 86, died at Wollongong on Sunday night. He had resided there for 68 years.

Considerable alarm was caused at the Nowra rifle butts yesterday by the thick glass windows of the markers' mantlets being destroyed by bullets.

At the Homebush yards yesterday 34,993 sheep (including about 3300 lambs) were penned. Values were barely up to late rates.

As the supply of cattle at Homebush was beyond the demand, values opened 15/ to 20/ per head lower, but improved later.

To-day's weather forecast:—Fine and warm to hot generally, except some cloud areas and showers in extreme south-west; chiefly northerly winds.

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BRITANNIA	6,500	Barcham	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15
MOOLTAN	10,000	Henning	Oct. 24	Oct. 27	Oct. 29
CHINA	8,000	Street	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12
MOLDAVIA	10,000	Gordon	Nov. 21	Nov. 24	Nov. 26
HIMALAYA	7,000	—	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 10
MONGOLIA	10,000	Preston	Dec. 19	Dec. 22	Dec. 24
			1909.	1909.	1909.
INDIA	8,000	Vibert	Jan. 2	Jan. 5	Jan. 7
VICTORIA	6,500	Haddock	Jan. 16	Jan. 19	Jan. 21
MOREA	11,000	Brown	Jan. 30	Feb. 2	Feb. 4
†MOOLTAN	10,000	Henning	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 18
*CHINA	8,000	Street	Feb. 24	Mar. 2	Mar. 4
*MOLDAVIA	10,000	Gordon	Mar. 10	Mar. 16	Mar. 18
*MALWA	11,000	—	Mar. 24	Mar. 30	April 1
*MONGOLIA	10,000	Preston	April 7	April 13	April 15
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*BREMEN	11,570	C. von Borell	Nov. 28
*ROON	8,022	C. Nahrath	Dec. 26
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R.M.S.	Tons.	Commander.	Sydney, Noon.	Melb., 1 p.m.	Adel., 1 p.m.
*ORONTES	9,023	Ruthven		Oct. 6	Oct. 8
ORIENT	5,453	Staunton	Oct. 17	Oct. 20	Oct. 22
aOROYA	6,297	Laws	Oct. 28	Nov. 3	Nov. 5
*ORTONA	8,000	Collins	Nov. 14	Nov. 17	Nov. 19
*OPHIR	6,814	Healey	Nov. 28	Dec. 1	Dec. 3
ORUBA	5,971	Plunkett	Dec. 12	Dec. 15	Dec. 17
*OMRAH	8,282	Symons	Dec. 26	Dec. 29	Dec. 31
OROTAVA	5,980	Dagnall	Jan. 9	Jan. 12	Jan. 14
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ORMUZ	6,465	Shelford	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 28
ORIENT	5,453	Staunton	Feb. 6	Feb. 9	Feb. 11
bOROYA	6,297	Laws	Feb. 17	Feb. 23	Feb. 25
*bORTONA	8,000	Collins	Mar. 3	Mar. 9	Mar. 11
*bORONTES	9,023	Ruthven	Mar. 17	Mar. 23	Mar. 25
*bASTURIAS	12,002	Spooner	Mar. 31	April 6	April 8
*bOMRAH	8,282	Symons	Apr. 14	April 20	April 22

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t*MAKURA	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Dec. 16
AORANGI	Dec. 21	Dec. 23	Jan. 14
MOANA	Jan. 18	Jan. 20	Feb. 11
t*MAKURA	Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Mar. 10
AORANGI	Mar. 15	Mar. 17	Apl. 8
*MARAMA	Apl. 12	Apl. 14	May 5

t New Steamer. * Twin-screw Steamer. Send for Illustrated Pamphlets.

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TASMANIA.

For HOBART DIRECT—ZEALANDIA, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, October 6, at 1 p.m. WAKATIPU, TUESDAY, October 20.
From HOBART—ZEALANDIA, TUESDAY, October 13.
For LAUNCESTON, via EDEN—WAKATIPU, SATURDAY, October 10, at 10 a.m., and November 4. KARORI, October 21 (Cargo only).
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For FIJI (Lautoka, Suva, Levuka), SAMOA (Apia), TONGA (Vavau, Haapai, Nukualofa), thence to AUCKLAND—TOFUA (new Twin-screw), TUESDAY, October 13.
For TONGA (Nukualofa, Haapai, Vavau), SAMOA (Apia), FIJI, thence to Sydney—ATUA (Twin-screw), from Auckland, TUESDAY, October 13.
For FIJI DIRECT (Suva and Levuka), from Auckland—HAUROTO, WEDNESDAY, October 28.

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For RARATONGA and TAHITI—NAVUA (Twin-screw), TUESDAY, October 27. Connecting steamer from Sydney: October 21.

FROM MELBOURNE.

For NEW ZEALAND PORTS—WAIKARE, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, Oct. 7.
For LAUNCESTON—LOONGANA, October 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30.
From LAUNCESTON—LOONGANA, October 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 31.
For N.W. COAST PORTS (TAS.)—OONAH, EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY.
For STRAHAN, ZEEHAN, REGATTA POINT, and QUEENSTOWN—WAINUI, TUESDAY, October 6.

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Steamer.	Tons.	Commander.	Leave Sydney, 4 p.m.
CHANGSHA	2300	EDW. FINLAYSON	OCT. 9
TAIYUAN	2300	L. DAWSON	NOV. 19
CHANGSHA	2300	EDW. FINLAYSON	DEC. 31

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YAWATA MARU	4000	T. Sekine	Oct. 7
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A.U.S.N. CO., LTD., ROYAL MAIL COASTAL SERVICE. THE POPULAR PASSENGER LINE. FROM THE LIME-STREET WHARVES—

FOR MELBOURNE—ARAWATTA, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 9 p.m., October 6. PILBARRA, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 5 p.m., October 6. WYREEMA (NEW STEAMER, Twin Screw, 6837 Tons), TUESDAY, 5 p.m., October 13.

MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, Transhipping to Port Pirie.—PILBARRA (WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT), THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 5 p.m., October 6, AND KYARRA (WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT), SATURDAY, NOON, October 17. 7000 Tons, Twin Screw, Deck Cabins.

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BRISBANE, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE (Town Wharf), TOWNSVILLE (Jetty Wharf), †LUCINDA, †GERALDTON, †MOURILYAN, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN—ARAMAC, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 11 p.m., October 6. ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., October 13. WYREEMA (New Steamer), Twin Screw, 6837 Tons, TUESDAY, 5 p.m., Oct. 20. WODONGA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., October 27.

THURSDAY ISLAND, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN—ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., October 13. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)

LAUTOKA, SUVA, LEVUKA, FIJI—SUVA, WEDNESDAY, October 28, 5 p.m.

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FOR MELBOURNE—MARLOO, NEXT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th, at 12 noon.

FOR MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, ALBANY, FREMANTLE—GRANTALA, NEXT SATURDAY, October 10, at 1 p.m. (Caulfield Cup Steamer.) RIVERINA, SATURDAY, October 24. Without Transhipment.

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BRISBANE, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, CAIRNS (transhipping to all other Queensland Ports)—WOLLOWRA, NEXT SATURDAY, October 10, at 12 noon. MARLOO, October 17th. INNAMINCKA, OCTOBER 24.

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TAYLOR'S WHARF, PYRMONT. CAPE HAWKE, NABIAC, WALLAMBA RIVER, All Ports, TUNCURRY, THIS DAY, Noon. CAPE HAWKE, FORSTER, only.—ASTRAL, THIS DAY, Noon (Cargo only). CAMDEN HAVEN, KEW, KENDALL, LAURIETON.—BELLINGER, THURSDAY NEXT.

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BECK'S LAGER BEER, 1/.
TOOHEY'S STANDARD PALE ALE, 6d.
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ROBERTS' VERY FINEST OLD SCOTCH, 6/.
ROBERTS' EXTRA SPECIAL WHISKY, 5/.
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ROBERTS' SPECIAL OLD SCOTCH, 3/6.
SHAMROCK WHISKY, Imp. Qts., 4/6.
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PORT, 2/6.
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PALE JAMAICA RUM, 3/, 4/, 6/.
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FINE OLD PALE BRANDY, 4/.
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FOR MELBOURNE, GEELONG—COOMA, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, October 10. PEREGRINE, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, October 17.

ADELAIDE, ALBANY, FREMANTLE (Taking Cargo for S.A., Gulf Ports, Perth, Hopetoun, and all other W.A. Ports)—KANOWNA, 12 noon, SATURDAY, October 21.

BRISBANE (Transhipping at Brisbane for Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Gladstone), ROCKHAMPTON (Wharf)—BUNINYONG, 11 p.m., THIS DAY, TUESDAY. BURWAH, 5 p.m., TUESDAY, October 13 (Cargo Only).

BRISBANE (Transhipping at Brisbane for Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Gladstone), ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE (Transhipping at Townsville for Lucinda Point, Cardwell, Mourilyan, Geraldton, Cairns, Port Douglas)—BOMBALA, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, October 10. COOMA, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, October 17. PEREGRINE, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, October 24.

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WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN and BLUFF, HOBART and MELBOURNE (Transhipping to outports)—ULIMAROA, 6000 Tons (Twin Screw), SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2 p.m.

From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF—ULIMAROA, WEDNESDAY, October 14.

TASMANIA.

HOBART—ROTOMAHANA, Tuesday, October 13, noon; and October 27. WESTRALIA, Tuesday, November 10. From HOBART—ROTOMAHANA, October 6, 20. LAUNCESTON—From Melbourne—LOONGANA (Turbine Yacht), Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE (Transhipping to Port Pirie), FREMANTLE, GERALDTON (Transhipping to Perth, North-west Ports)—BURRUMBEET, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

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SHELLHARBOUR.—S.S. PETERBOROUGH, FRIDAY, 7 p.m.
NOWRA and BOMADERRY.—S.S. PETERBOROUGH, TUESDAY, 7 p.m.; FRIDAY, 7 p.m.
SHOALHAVEN RIVER WHARVES, BERRY.—S.S. COOMONDERRY, TUESDAY, 7 p.m.
MORUYA, via BATEMAN'S BAY (Passengers Only).—S.S. MORUYA, FRIDAY, 7 p.m.
MORUYA (Direct), NAROOMA, WAGONGA.—S.S. COOMONDERRY, THURSDAY, 12 Noon.
BERMAGUI, TATHRA, MERIMBULA, and EDEN.—S.S. EDEN, TUESDAY, 10 a.m.; S.S. TATHRA, THURSDAY, 10 a.m.; S.S. EDEN, SATURDAY, 10 a.m.

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RICHMOND RIVER.—Ramornie, This Day, 2 p.m.
MACLEAY RIVER.—Yulgilbar, This Day, 9 p.m.
MANNING RIVER.—Burrawong, To-morrow, Noon.
BELLINGER RIVER.—Rosedale, Thursday, 5 p.m.
NAMBUCCA RIVER.—Nerong, This Day, 3 p.m.

FROM DRUITT-STREET.

BYRON BAY.—Orara, This Day, 11 p.m.
COFF'S HARBOUR and TRIAL BAY.—Orara, This Day, 11 p.m.
TWEED RIVER, via Newcastle.—Duranbah, This Day, 9 p.m. (without transhipment).
COFF'S HARBOUR and WOOLGOOLGA.—Dorrigo, Saturday, 8 a.m.

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AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN LINE. S.S. CLAN MATHIESON, FROM NEW YORK. CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for No. 6 Berth, Pyrmont. The steamer will not be responsible for any loss or damage to cargo after same has been landed, and any goods impeding discharge will be stored at consignee's risk and expense without further notice. Bill of Lading must be presented, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained, at the office of the undersigned, before any goods can leave the wharf. BIRT and COMPANY, LIMITED, Agents, 7 Macquarie-place.

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Small even checks in Sky and White, Red and White, Navy and White, Green and White, Heliotrope and White, Black and White, Brown and White 1/4½ yd; 15/11 doz.

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HAWKESBURY RIVER and NEWPORT. S.S. NARARA, THIS DAY, 5 p.m. S.S. ERINA, GOSFORD, THURSDAY, 7.45 a.m. Cargo rec. 5 p.m. MITCHELL and JOHNSTON, Agents. Tel., 2129.

S.S. CUFIC, FROM LIVERPOOL. CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for Dalgety's Wharf. The ship will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after it leaves the ship's slings. All goods impeding discharge will be stored at Consignees' risk and expense without further notice. Bills of Lading must be presented, duly endorsed, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any goods will be delivered. DALGETY and COMPANY, Limited, Agents, O'Connell-street.

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S.S. LANGTON GRANGE, FROM LONDON. CONSIGNEES are hereby notified that steamer discharges at F.-H.-S. Wharf, Darling Island, for which berth entries should be passed. Goods impeding discharge are liable to be stored at Consignee's risk and expense without further notice. Ship will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after it leaves the ship's slings. BILLS of LADING must be produced, duly endorsed, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained for goods at the offices of the undersigned. HOULDER BROTHERS and CO., LIMITED, Managing Agents, 63 Pitt-street.

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MUNICIPALITY OF RANDWICK. TENDERS are hereby invited up to 4 p.m. on TUESDAY NEXT, the 6th prox., for the Building of DRESSING SHEDS, etc., at Little Coogee. Full particulars on application to the undersigned. Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Building of Dressing Sheds." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. ERNEST H. STRACHAN, Town Clerk. Town Hall, Randwick, 30th September, 1908.
MUNICIPALITY OF HUNTER'S HILL. TENDERS are invited for LEASING the MUNICIPAL BATHS at WOOLWICH. Specification may be seen at the Town Hall during office hours. TENDERS to be delivered by MONDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 1908, 6 p.m. WM. C. WISE, Town Clerk. Town Hall, Hunter's Hill, October 2nd, 1908.
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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

WESTERN EXPERIMENTS.

ANOTHER STATE FARM.

The Nyngan people may rely upon the Minister for Agriculture giving every attention to their request for the establishment locally of an experimental farm to conduct similar work to that done at Coolabah. Mr. Perry has shown he is in close sympathy with the efforts to assist our wheatgrowers in the dry area, and he will probably approve of the farm asked for. The applicants are wise not to advocate the abolition of the Coolabah Farm. When the matter first came before the local shire council that was the intention, and at that time we pointed out that this would be a grave mistake. The Coolabah Farm is established for a definite purpose, and that purpose will require at least two or three years to satisfactorily carry out. So far the experiments conducted there on present lines have been most successful, but longer time is necessary to thoroughly demonstrate that scientific cultivation will grow crops in the far west with a very light rainfall. Experiment to bring the soil up to a general even standard and remedy certain poor patches that have manifested themselves is necessary at Coolabah, and for that time is essential. Coolabah Farm therefore should be left where it is to complete what promises to be a highly valuable work.

While this is the case it does not weaken the claim for the establishment of a similar farm nearer the present edge of the wheat belt. In fact, the existence of Coolabah Farm strengthens such a claim, as it proves that these experiments are well worth attention and expenditure. In the course of some recent articles on this farm out in the west we drew attention to the mistake that had been made in placing it so far from the railway and out of sight of the passer-by. We pointed out that such farms cannot be too public, irrespective of whether they are a success or not. Indeed, if they are a failure, it is the more advisable that the public should know, for some of the most important of experiments are valuable on account of their very failure. We suggested that such farms should be alongside the railway lines for choice, and that every traveller should see the results. There is no doubt but that if this had been the case with the Coolabah Farm early this year the work done would have attracted widespread attention. We are pleased to see that the Minister has recognised the advisability of this course, and that the farm will be such a spot when established. Whether that spot will be at Nyngan or somewhere about Girilambone is for the Minister to decide. No doubt he will be influenced considerably by the advice of the wheat experimentalist, Mr. Sutton, who is in charge of the Coolabah Farm, and will presumably also control the new farm when it is established, if he can find time. Certainly we do not know of any man in the department more fit to advise the Minister upon this question. Mr. Sutton is a thoroughly practical man, as well as being an enthusiast in the scientific side of his work, and is thoroughly in touch with the west and western conditions. No doubt Mr. Perry will endeavour to visit Coolabah and Nyngan himself before harvest time and get a grip of the situation.

It is good news to learn that although the situation is undecided, the Minister is going to establish another experiment farm in the West. There is a tendency in some quarters to criticise this work, particularly amongst practical farmers. The view is expressed, and it is a very correct one, that there is plenty of wheat land in this State as yet untouched with the plough that should be available before settlers are driven to take their chance out in the West. No one denies this; it is the aim of the closer settlement movement. There is no intention to tempt men to grow wheat for market outside the safe area. But it is always advisable for the Department of Agriculture to keep ahead of the farmer as much as possible. These experiments are not to be done in a season or two seasons. To be valuable they must be spread over some years, it is impossible to say exactly how many. In the natural order of things the wheat margin will extend as time goes on, and it is for the department to be able to say exactly how far it is safe for the settler to go. Incidentally, however, as all our wheat country is prone to dry seasons every success or failure resulting from these experiments in the West is of direct value to the wheatgrower in other parts of the State whether he be situated in the north or in southern Riverina.

Apart, however, from wheatgrowing for commercial purposes, these experiments are of great value, particularly to the western country. Sufficient has already been achieved at Coolabah to prove that much may be done in that part of the country to provide green feed and fodder as a standby in times of scarcity in country that was hitherto looked upon as practically hopeless. The methods pursued are possible to any holder in the West, and if the same results are achieved as has been the case at Coolabah and there is no reason why they should not be, the dry time loses much of its terror. Three hundred acres under the plough, that is a crop of 100 acres under the Coolabah system, would provide a very acceptable lot of fodder either as green feed, hay, or ensilage. But the Coolabah farm being off the track where few see it, and then only by making it their direct business, the men concerned know nothing of what is being done for the most part, excepting from hearsay. And the man who is making his living out of the land is not so foolish as to do things simply on hearsay. Therefore this work wants to be done where it will be seen and copied. And it can go on without in any way altering the fact that it is imperative that other country with a more reliable rainfall and nearer to market should be made available to the wheatgrower. Both are necessary conditions to our future prosperity, and as regards one at least it is satisfactory to learn that the Minister will help it considerably by the establishment of another experimental farm in the West.

ITEMS.

The application of farm manure to poor and sick patches of land is very beneficial, yet few farmers utilise it properly.

The third annual report, for 1907-1908, of the Victorian Rivers and Water Supply Commission states that, taken as a whole, the irrigation works of Victoria were of great service in the season just closed. The scanty rainfall made ability to irrigate pastures and fodder crops of great value to dairymen and all stock owners. The irrigation works administered by the commission supplied water for the irrigation of 232,000 acres of land, an increase over the past season of 124,000 acres.

Farmers who raise a good stud of stock are both a credit and a boon to their district. It should be the aim of the farmer, as in other callings in life, not to be satisfied with being his neighbours' equal, but to be ever trying to get "at the top." The man who is at the top with his dairy herd, his sheep, horses, or wheat crops, finds a lot of honest pride and pleasure that goes a long way to compensate for the years of hard work in the past.

There has been a great revival in Queensland in favour of inoculation against tick fever. During the winter months the applications slackened off, but it is stated that the number is increasing rapidly, and it is expected that the Government officers will have a very busy time. So far nearly 37,000 head have been inoculated. The heavy percentage of losses under private inoculation formerly is said to have discouraged some stockowners, but the Stock Department claims to have put through the number stated with a loss of only 1½ per cent., and it is said that this fact has encouraged owners to go in more largely for inoculation than would otherwise have been the case.

Of the 232,000 acres supplied with water by the Victorian Commission last season 194,000 acres, or 84 per cent., was made up of the following crops:—Cereals, 55,000 acres; native grass, 109,000 acres; and lucerne grown for pasture (about) 30,000 acres. The annual report points out that whatever may have been the benefit resulting from irrigation, it was not one-tenth of what it would have been if the chief crop had been hay instead of grass. No estimate of the value of irrigated grass has placed it above £1 an acre. No return of the value of an acre of lucerne hay has been as low as £10, while it has gone as high as £60. One crop was contracted, delivered in the field, at £5 a ton, and the yield was 5 tons per acre. Hay sold as high as £7/10/ per ton, and crops sold at this price produced 4 tons to the acre. These abnormally high prices and large profits are due to the drought, but the prices in ordinary years will return reasonable profit.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

WINE EXHIBITION.

LONDON, Sept. 4.

Australian wine is certainly coming more to the front. I mentioned some months ago that there would be a competition at the Brewers' Exhibition (October 17 to 23), and the prospectus, just out, gives eight classes in each of which there will be a diploma for gold, silver, and bronze medal. "The object of the competition," it is stated, "is to promote the production of pure wines of merit, and their consequent consumption." Class G has been added to the competition, to include the sparkling wines vinted by Messrs. Angus, of Rooty Hill. The New South Wales wines entered so far are those manufactured by Lindeman and Co., Dr. Fiaschi, Messrs. Angus, Harbottle, Alsop, and Co., and Hunter River brandy in class H. This competition, which is entirely the result of the efforts of the New South Wales and South Australian Commercial Departments here, is the first ever held in this country of wines grown and bottled in Australia. It is quite distinct from exhibitions of the wines blended and bottled in London. Three of the best judges of wines in England will be appointed. South Australia has entered wines, and Victoria will probably do so, and at the luncheon, which is largely attended by representatives of the trade and the press, New South Wales and other Australian wines will be on the menu. One of the "general conditions" of the show is that growers' marks or names must not be on the corks, but as there was not time to get exhibits over without marks, this condition has been waived. As growers' names will be quite unknown to the judges the point is not very important.

GOVERNMENT BRAND.

Several leading vignerons in Australia are reported to be on the point of opening depots in London—it is said that Mr. Masure, of South Australia, is going to start here shortly. In view of the desire of some of the New South Wales growers to get their wines direct upon the British market, Mr. Preedy, of the Commercial Department of the Agent-General's Office, has been making some inquiries, mainly as to the value of the Government stamp on wines. Every bottle and flagon of the Orion and Keystone brands bears a label stating that the S.A. Government guarantees the purity of the wine, and inquiries made have been as to the effect produced upon wine-sellers of this Government guarantee. I learn from Mr. Preedy that wholesale dealers attach very little importance to the label, but that grocers and small vendors throughout the country find it of use to them in making sales to the public, and many of them insist on being supplied with it. But the wines these traders ask for are the widely-advertised ones. A large retailer says:—"The only demand for colonial wines is what has been caused by extensive advertising, and we confine ourselves to such wines." It may not be generally known that one firm alone, dealing in Australian wines, have spent over £250,000 in 30 years, advertising, and this year they are spending over £10,000 in this way. In fact, there are few products more widely advertised in Great Britain than Australian wines. It is evident that New South Wales growers, except under special circumstances, who wish to get their wines on the British markets, must be prepared for heavy expenditure. Retail sellers of Australian wines will spend nothing in advertising them, as they are accustomed to having all this expense borne by importers. Without being backed up by extensive advertising, the Government guarantee would not be of much use in helping the sale of Australian wine. As the wine is bottled here, and the Government labels therefore put on the flagons here, there has to be a very strict and continuing system of official supervision and inspection. The excellent Act in force in New South Wales to prevent adulteration of wines if taken advantage of here in the form of a Government guarantee of purity, would, no doubt, help to sell the wines. But the main thing is advertising. I have myself frequently inquired as to the efficacy of the South Australian system in pushing the wines here, and it has been difficult to show that, apart from advertising, much commercial advantage has occurred. One important London wine-house, Septimus Smith and Co., of Bow, make a big thing of the Government label in handling Australian wine. In the course of the inquiry referred to above, the oft-discussed question of pushing light types of wine was discussed. "Notwithstanding repeated failures," said an authority, "Australian growers are continually trying to get a trade on the British markets for light wines, similar to the growths of our near neighbours, but the British public who drink Australian wines do not want clarets or a light type of wine from Australia, but a rich, fruity Burgundy type."

MEAT MARKET NOTES.

In August 39,000 carcases of mutton arrived, and 25,000 lambs. For the eight months of 1908 the respective arrivals were 350,000 and 505,000. These statistics, from January to August, show a falling-off of 350,000 sheep, as compared with the first eight months of last year; the import of lambs has been the same as in 1908.

The imports of meat from all quarters are worth giving in detail, in order to show to what a serious extent our markets are depleted this year of supplies of live and dead meats:—

	U.S.A. 1908.	U.S.A. 1907.	Australia. 1908.	Australia. 1907.
Cattle	170,591	222,881	—	—
Sheep	38,329	62,527	—	—
Frozen mutton, carcases	—	—	450,000	700,000
Ditto, lamb, carcases	—	—	605,000	900,000
Ditto, beef, qrs.	—	—	22,000	26,000
Chilled beef, cwts.	899,398	1,627,398	—	—

	New Zealand. 1908.	New Zealand. 1907.	Argentine. 1908.	Argentine. 1907.
Cattle	—	—	—	—
Sheep	—	—	—	—
Frozen mutton, crcs.	1,040,000	1,280,000	1,984,000	1,777,000
Ditto, lamb, crcs.	1,974,000	2,215,000	220,000	106,000
Ditto, beef, qrs.	114,000	131,000	964,000	786,000
Chilled beef, cwts.	—	—	657,529	405,307

The above table gives the whole of the mutton, lamb, and beef imported, live and dead, into the United Kingdom. It will be noted that whilst Australasia shows a considerable falling-off, and the U.S.A. an enormous one, South America has made a supreme effort to do all that is possible to fill the gap, and nothing can show better than these figures the preponderating position which Argentina (Uruguay helping slightly) occupies in our meat supplies.

Australian mutton and lamb are mostly sold in the country districts; some forward business is reported for your mutton at about 3d per lb, c.i.f., London, but there is as yet nothing to report as to lamb on a forward basis. The outstanding features of the New Zealand meat trade are (1) the splendid season which lambs have had; and (2) the extreme scarcity of late of Canterbury mutton. These two notable tendencies are connected, no doubt, as the small holder in New Zealand appears to be disinclined to ship his meat in mutton form; it is so much easier, and it pays perhaps better to send it as fat lamb.

REFRIGERATED PRODUCE IMPORTS.

During the last fortnight the following steamers have brought to London and Liverpool refrigerated produce from Australia and New Zealand:—Karamea, Oroya, Papanui, Wilcannia, Morayshire, Carrigan Head, Perthshire, Corinthic, Africa, and Moldavia. The imports for the fortnight were:—

Mutton.	Lamb.	Beef.	Rabbits and Hares.	Butter.	Cheese.	Raisins.	Poultry.	Kidneys.
Carcases.	Carcases.	Qrs.	Crates.	Bxs.	Bxs.	Bxs.	Crates.	Bxs.
107,561	207,913	8422	28,318	5516	677	—	8	861

Tongues.	Flour.	Fruit Pulp.	Oranges.
Crates.	Bags.	Cases.	Cases.
195	11,581	45	18

Onions.	Potatoes.	Rice Meal.	Preserved Mangoes.	Fruit.
Cases.	Cases.	Bags.	Cases.	Cases.
20	20	320	1	13

THE HUB OF THE NORTH-WEST.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

For a considerable time the magnificent tracts of virgin country surrounding Narrabri have yielded up tremendous returns from the pastoral industry alone, and as a fat stock producing centre it ranks amongst the very first of the Commonwealth. True, indeed, there have been disastrous droughts, which left ruin and desolation after them, but the marvellous energy and productiveness of the soil have demonstrated how soon such disasters can be wiped out with a big margin of profit to the credit of the present conditions. The great drought of 1902-3 was a very serious and wide-reaching calamity to the smaller pastoralist, and resulted in the banks being heavily taxed for the needful capital to fight against this tremendous handicap. The pluck and untiring energy of a majority of the smaller pastoralists won through, but the keynote of their success was the marvellous recuperative powers of the soil. After the drought the banks held the situation over probably two-thirds of the smaller pastoralists, but with a return to ordinary seasons the deficit was quickly wiped out and towards the end of 1904 the majority were out of the bank and standing on a firm financial footing. Bank managers who have been associated with the conditions of the north-western plains for the greater part of their lives were astounded at the briefness of the period that sufficed to lift their clients from the debt side of the ledger, and have made open statements to that effect. This clearly shows that the vast productiveness of the soil was not even known or guessed at by those who ought to be most intimate with its capabilities. Following on the drought recovery small men began to realise that something better than pasture land could be made of the Narrabri district, and the dairying industry was launched after considerable debate and experiment, and is now a paying concern, extending its benefits over a large radius, and materially assisting in supporting a large number of families who have taken up dairying alone, or carry on mixed farming. Each year the wheat areas are increasing, and some of the oldest settlers, who have been sowing a little wheat for personal use for perhaps ten or twelve years, have set their seal of experience on the wheat-growing industry by asserting that once only, even including the drought years, have the wheat crops been a complete failure. Narrabri wheat has increased considerably in quantity and quality, with the result that a fine and well-equipped flour mill is now constantly supplied with milling wheat of the very highest grade. Last year a sample of wheat grown at Eulah Creek by Mr. Reuben Smith, and exhibited consecutively at Narrabri, Singleton, and Inverell, P. A. and H. Association shows, beat all competitors, and established what has been claimed to be a record for the State. Fruit and vegetables, too, of almost every variety, have been grown to perfection in the district, and have won distinction at the more important competitions right down to the Hunter River Valley. Mixed farming is carried on from the fringe of the great Pillaga Scrub, which, according to the report of the special board, contains two thirds of its 1,800,000 acres suitable for mixed farming and wheat-growing. Samples of the latter have been exhibited at the Challis House offices in the city, and have won the admiration of experts. This same Pillaga Scrub has recently been eagerly competed for in the ballots for areas that have been made available. Applicants from various parts of this and adjoining States have made their appearance in the district, and a steady influx of practical farmers is concentrating on the north-west. The cutting up, for closer settlement, of portion of Tarlaro station has given a further fillip to the steady demand for land, and the fact that three keen speculators from New Zealand eagerly secured this splendid property for closer settlement should prove conclusively that this great district is worth watching well by those in search of good investments.

The Advisory Board, sitting here a few days ago, make expert inspection of the famous Killarney station, which abuts almost on the municipal boundaries of Narrabri, and after taking evidence in camera from practical farmers and settlers, made public the fact that this estate was certainly one of the best in the State for closer settlement. There is every reason to believe that Killarney will, in the near future, be made the site of hundreds of prosperous settlers' homes. The faint hum of what will eventually be a steady throb of progress and prosperity is already being illustrated by the present condition of business in and around Narrabri. All the town residences are occupied, and it is at present almost impossible to engage labourers and building tradesmen, no matter how enticing the pecuniary offer. Everybody is busy, and everybody is doing well in one way or another, the outlook being particularly bright and cheerful for this, the hub of the north-western plains.

CARRIAGE OF BUTTER.

INFLUENCE OF TEMPERATURE.

One of the last acts of Mr. G. Sutherland Thomson, dairy expert, while in the employ of the Queensland Government, was to conduct an experiment designed to test the keeping qualities of butter at different temperatures. The result of the experiment has just been issued by the Queensland Agricultural Department in the form of a pamphlet, in which Mr. Thomson appears to have arrived at some important conclusions.

Dealing with the scant attention hitherto given to the subject, Mr. Thomson says that "thousands of pounds have been lost to each State annually through the carriage of produce at high temperatures. The great object to be aimed at in the storage of a perishable product like butter is to preserve its good properties against fermentation or bacteriological changes until it is on the table of the consumer. It has been found that the safest and most effective system of preservation is a cold atmosphere, which, according to the degree of temperature at which the produce is kept, may prevent the slightest change in the flavour of the butter, and therefore obviate the use of preservatives. In the Australian export trade the greatest precautions are necessary in the refrigeration of butter to prevent the growth of bad flavours, as the distance from the British market adds considerably to its age, and any injury, however slight, reflects on the price and reputation of the butter."

For his experiment Mr. Thomson selected 44 boxes of butter from various factories, each factory providing four boxes of the same churning, and first, second, and third grades of butter were represented. A box of each lot was stored at temperatures of 5deg., 15deg., 12deg., and 25-30deg. Fahr. respectively. The butters were graded according to quality at the time of examination, and they were again graded after the test, and though the figures did not come out uniformly they were sufficiently pronounced to enable Mr. Thomson to point out that least change took place at the lowest temperatures, although even 5deg. did not prevent fishiness from developing. In one case a box had been divided, and though both parts were true to flavour at the beginning of the test, at the conclusion the portion kept at 25-30deg. Fahr. was very fishy in flavour, while that stored at 5deg. was considerably weaker, the distinction being that the latter was graded a low second and the former a low third.

In summing up his conclusions, Mr. Thomson says that a fishy flavour will develop in both salted and unsalted butter, although in the salted butter the flavour is more generally met with. "There is, however, evidence to show that a fishy flavour may develop as rapidly in unsalted as in salted butter, or it may even be stronger in the unsalted butter at the end of a period of refrigeration at certain temperatures. . . . Fishiness was more general and more pronounced in butter which was stored at temperatures of 18deg. Fahr. and 25-30deg. Fahr., but the flavour was found in boxes of butter at a temperature of 5deg. Fahr., and it was pronounced in three boxes of salted and unsalted butter at that temperature. From the test one might infer that it would require a temperature of zero to prevent the development of this ruinous taint in Australian butter."

Regarding stale flavours, Mr. Thomson said: "The striking features of this experiment were the pronounced stale and rancid flavours in butters which were kept at a temperature of 25-30 deg. Fahr., and the consistent weakening of the flavour at the lower temperature, with its entire absence at a temperature of 5 deg. Fahr., in butters which were not affected by these flavours at the commencement of refrigeration." In effect, he said, butters came out at 5deg. in the same condition as when they went in. "I have no hesitation in saying," the expert declared, "that if a temperature of 5deg. Fahr. were maintained in the chambers of oversea vessels a very great increase in the profits from butter exports would follow. It may safely be asserted that the recent large shipment of 20,000 boxes of butter from Brisbane would be worth at least 1s more per box at a storage temperature of 5deg. Fahr., and this would amount to £1000, which would give a handsome balance to the exporter after paying the extra cost for steamer refrigeration."

The expert also drew a number of other conclusions from his experiment. He said it gave conclusive evidence that the marking of butter boxes with grade distinctions gives the seller a distinct advantage in the disposal of his produce abroad. He ridiculed the suggestion often put forth in Queensland that stale butters could improve in cool storage, and said that a thoroughly sound butter would not change in flavour when stored at a temperature below freezing point.

Incidental to the test, Mr. Thomson inquired into the shrinkage of weight during storage, but the figures varied from 2½oz per box to 1lb 2½oz, following no particular order. The greatest loss occurred with salt butter in which the moisture was loose or insufficiently incorporated. "In salted butters which had been worked twice and contained not more than 12 per cent. of water it is certain that the shrinkage would be small."

MEETINGS OF FARMERS.

INVERELL.—At the committee meeting of the Inverell P. and A. Association on Thursday, it was decided to amend the schedule by increasing the prize for heavy draught stallions from £5 to £7, and also to give a second prize of £3; first prize for draught brood mares to be £4 and £1. In farm produce, a number of new classes were added, and for a farmer's trophy, £20 first and £5 were allotted. The 100 miles limit in farmers' sheep was struck out, and the prizes increased to £2 in each class, as were also the Shropshire and Lincolns. The ground committee's report recommending the pulling down of the cattle yards and submitting a plan covering the erection of new yards with 25 additional pens was unanimously adopted, and tenders accepted for the supply of fencing material. A scale of charges for the letting of the ground also embraced in the report was likewise adopted. The charge for letting will be 5 per cent. on gates, grand stand, and sale of privileges.

MURRUMBURRAH.—A meeting of the Farmers and Settlers' Association was held in the council-chambers on Saturday. Mr. G. Rogers was in the chair, and the meeting was representative of the agricultural and pastoral interests of the district. The following officers were appointed:—President, Mr. L. E. Robertson; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Rogers and W. Ross; treasurer, Mr. J. Bourke; secretary, Mr. Gibson (president of the Hay branch of the association). A committee of ten members, with power to add to the number, was elected.

WEST MAITLAND.—At a meeting of the committee of the Hunter River Agricultural Association Mr. Samuel Clift was elected president, Messrs. Elias Bowden, H. Croaker, G. B. Bowden, Thos. Dimmock, and C. E. Garnham vice-presidents, and Mr. R. L. Logan treasurer.

THE CROPS.

MOLONG.—The cold wintry condition that prevailed last week had a most damaging effect on the crops and all kinds of vegetation, retarding their growth to a considerable extent. The early-sown crops look strong and healthy, but the late ones present a famished appearance, and a copious rainfall is anxiously waited.

GRASS TREE RESIN.

Mr. R. T. Baker, F.L.S., Curator Technological Museum, writes:—In reply to your correspondent in to-day's paper, who states that this "gum has not been used or applied in any way" in this institution, I enclose herewith eight copies of printed labels exhibited in this museum on timber specimens polished and varnished with grass-tree gum (resin). Almost every year since this museum was opened in 1883 information and reports have been furnished on the subject to those interested in this industry. The micro-slides referred to are also on exhibition, and I leave it to those interested in microscopy to form their own judgment as to whether this commodity is all that is now claimed for it by your correspondent as a "microscopical seal."

SHEARING.

NARRABRI.—Killarney station has commenced its second shearing of the season. Probably not more than 30,000 sheep will be put through.

STOCK DISEASES IN TASMANIA.

HOBART.—Dr. Willmott, Government Veterinary, has reported on his investigation into the extraordinary mortalities among stock in the north and north-west at Beaconsfield. The trouble was found to be epizootic pneumonia, probably attributable to the hard winter, and possibly to fumes from the mines having an injurious effect. While the animals are poor he recommends better food, housing, and hygiene. The mortality among stock round Blythe, on the north-west coast, he suspected was due to anthrax, but not in its full virulent form. At Lisle-road, Beaconsfield district, what was locally termed the "panting disease," he believed to be a lung trouble, but he had not yet fully investigated.

WATER LOG IN CATTLE.

WOLLONGONG.—A herd of cattle were depastured on lake lands some months ago by Mr. M'Kenzie, of the Goulburn district. He removed them last week. Ten of the number had died from water log. A large number of cattle have died from the same cause in that vicinity.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

CHATSWORTH ISLAND.—The season for agricultural and pastoral interests is excellent, a good spring having set in. Farmers are busy planting early crops, the weather conditions being favourable. A limited area of sugar cane is being planted.

GUYRA.—Though a long and severe winter has been experienced in the Guyra district—a heavy fall of snow taking place last week—the stock are in a very healthy condition. The big stock are emerging from the winter season somewhat weak, but very few have succumbed to the severity of the weather. The sheep are doing well, are healthy and strong, and have excellent fleeces—a good augury for the approaching shearing. The severe weather has been somewhat disastrous among the lambs, in some cases the mortality being very heavy. The young crops are showing a healthy growth, and there is an encouraging shoot in the grass, the countryside looking green and springlike. The farmers are dropping in the early potato crop, and the plough is still kept busy breaking up the ground for the main crop.

INVERELL.—Mr. R. Annas, Byron, has for a couple of years been breeding pure Lincoln sheep. His 37 studs have just been shorn of 10 months' wool, for an average of 15¼lb. The staple ranged to 11in in length. Nineteen of his picked stud ewes have reared 27 lambs. These results have been obtained from lucerne pasture.

WEST WYALONG.—Mr. A. J. Kelly, M.L.A., who opened the Wyalong district show, also attended the smoke social, at which function nearly £100 was promised for specials for next show. The president stated that the financial success of the meeting was such that he hoped to see a grand stand erected before next show.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

CROOKWELL.—The spring show was held on Friday in beautiful weather, when there was a very large attendance, Mr. James, member for the district, was present. The winners of the various events were:—

Poultry.—Principal winners: Mrs. E. Thompson and F. Parker.

Time Handicap Trot: J. J. Costigan's Rose Wilks, 1; H. Bensley's Rainbow, 2; W. Kenny's Stranger, 3. Maiden Trot: Nellie, 1; Record, 2; Julong, 3. Hunting Contest: T. J. M'Cormack's Cardross. Unharnessing contest: Miss S. Cameron.

Handicap Woodchopping: Les. Howard, 1; W. Hills, 2; G. Howard, 3. Logchopping (underarm): W. Hills, 1; Les. Howard, 2; G. Howard, 3. Youths' Woodchopping: Irvin Emery, 1; S. Hills, 2; C. Cavanagh, 3.

FLAG EXCHANGES.

Mr. E. S. Smithurst sends the following in reference to the present position of the flag exchange movement:—

Sir Joseph Carruthers assures me that the ceremonies at Canterbury and Croydon, England, were most successful, and that the exchanges are doing a really good work. It is understood that the return flags were handed to the Agent-General for transmission to Sydney. On October 10 Mr. Larke, Canadian Commissioner, will present the flag from Toronto, Canada, to the school at Toronto, New South Wales, and on October 14 a return flag from Revesby, Lincolnshire, (the home of Sir Joseph Banks) will be unfurled at Bankstown, as well as a New South Wales ensign, the gift of the Hon. E. Stanhope, the present owner of Revesby Abbey. On the same day the Women's branch of the Empire League will present a flag to the other school at Bankstown. The return flag from Sydney, Nova Scotia, is at the Fort-street Model School, to be formally received shortly. The flag from Randwick, Gloucestershire, arrived by last mail, and a ceremony is being arranged for its reception. In addition to the usual inscription, it bears the words "Lest we forget." Flags have gone to the schools at Rochester (Victoria), Louth (on the Darling), and Cardiff (New South Wales), that they may be saluted before being sent to England and Wales. One is now being prepared, "From New Plymouth, New Zealand, to Old Plymouth, Old England." Wellington, New Zealand, is about to send to Wellington, Somerset; Perth, W.A., to Perth, Scotland, and Dunedin to Edinburgh. Dudley, New South Wales, will send to Dudley, England (from which the new Governor-General takes his title). This exchange was suggested by the Mayor of the English borough. By last mail the Mayor of Hastings, England, sends thanks for the flag from Hastings, New Zealand, and promises one in return, with photographs, etc. A flag is on its way from Melton Mowbray, Tasmania, to the namesake town in the English Midlands. There are probably a dozen flags now on their way from Britain in return for those sent. The movement is attracting much attention in the home country.

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JAPAN'S LEAD.

TO-DAY AND NEAR FUTURE.

WHAT IT ALL POINTS TO.

We publish this morning a map which tells at one glance more than many books. Australians realise in a vague way that the mists which have lain on the Pacific ever since the birth of man have been thinning of late. They are beginning to make out, through the haze that is fast clearing from the ocean, the faint distant loom and shapes of the powers which in 20 years will be the great solid powers of the Pacific. They even realise dimly that within 20 years the nations around the Pacific will be watching one another, as the nations around the Mediterranean have watched each other for thousands of years—as a cat watches a mouse; will study each other's intrigues, and know as a matter of life and death every new ship that each possible friend or enemy (they will all be looked at then as one or the other) is laying down. What Australians do not realise is that now, at this very moment, there are in the Pacific a set of navies which, for the time being, fix beyond any possibility of doubt the various nations which can say what shall and what shall not happen in the Pacific. That is what the map shows.

To begin with, it shows beyond all question which is the fleet that commands the western half of this ocean. In the 31 big armoured ships of the Japanese there is counted a squadron of two Dreadnoughts and two Inflexibles now on the stocks—ships each at least as strong as any two in the American fleet which lately came this way; and two battleships—the Aki and Satsuma—which are the strongest battleships now in the Pacific. The squadron of six ships—practically six Dreadnoughts—will not be second to any squadron in the world outside of the North Sea. Behind it is another fleet of 10 first-class battleships. That makes 16 in all, of which 12 are on the water at the present time. The Japanese have all those ships to the good before any Power begins to compete with them. America, which comes next, has no single battleship—excluding a couple of monitors—stationed in the Pacific. Some occasionally stray there, or are building there—one or two at a time—and then get round to the Atlantic as soon as may be. The monitors are about twice as formidable as the Cerberus, and need not be counted. At present America at great trouble has brought 16 battleships round from the Atlantic to the Philippines (for San Francisco would be little use in a war with Japan), and left the Atlantic bare; which only shows the more plainly how strong the force is against which they were presumably brought. What most people do not realise is that, were trouble even now to arise between the two in the Pacific, it is by no means certain that the Americans would win. Their great battle fleet does not by any manner of means outdistance the Japanese fleet. If the Aki and Satsuma are in a condition to fight, which they soon should be, the Americans are as 16 to 12, and their ships are stronger on the whole. But there is a fleet of 113 torpedo craft to be reckoned with as against about half a dozen. And in Japanese hands that is a known quantity.

However, if the command of the Pacific is in doubt during the next two months, in ordinary times there is no shadow of doubt as to who is master—without any sort of rival. The Japanese have a sheer lead of 12 battleships, two of them Dreadnoughts; and will have more in a year or so; and the next two Powers—America and Britain—do not even begin until we come to the next class of ships—big armoured cruisers.

If the battleships were all wiped out the Americans and Japanese would be about equal in the Pacific. The Americans have only 11 big armoured cruisers and the Japanese 12, it is true. But the American cruisers include eight great sister ships, of which Australians have heard little; but which are really worth hearing about because every ship is the exact counterpart of every other—each one fast (22 knots), and strong (four 8in guns, 14 6in, and many smaller). Two of them, the Tennessee and Washington, are a little larger and a little stronger (10in guns instead of 8in, and two more 6in). Those eight, with three older ships, are now at the Philippines, in this Australian ocean, though Australians have never seen them. They are always in the Pacific.

Whilst the Japanese are easily first in the Pacific with their 31 big armoured ships, America is just as easily second with somewhere from 13 to 15. Great Britain is as easily third, with a squadron of four armoured cruisers in China—a strong squadron, as far as it goes, and by far the swiftest in the Pacific; and Chili is easily fourth. Germany has one strong ship. The rest, France, China, Peru, Holland, with a fair number of weak ships, are nowhere. The first lesson which the map teaches is that the order of the Powers in the Pacific is:—

Japan,
United States,
Britain,
Chili,
Germany.

And that, with the possible exception of the last two, the intervals are so big that the order could by no chance be changed without bringing a fleet from the Atlantic. Russia and China may become naval Powers again some day. For the present Japan has scotched them both.

The second lesson of the map is that, when it is possible to bring a fleet from the Atlantic through the Panama Canal—that is to say, perhaps, in five years time from now—America may be stronger than Japan. A fleet only a month away may be fairly reckoned with in the Pacific; would probably be sent to the Pacific at least once a year.

The third lesson is, perhaps, the most important of all. It is even at this day in the power of England to command the Pacific by sending around the world a fleet far bigger than the Japanese fleet; and fitting it with a harbour to lie in, docks to be cleaned and mended in, and stores and guns to be refitted with, in Hongkong or somewhere near to Japan. Hongkong has fitted, docked, and harboured seven English battleships before now; presumably it could be made to dock and fit and harbour 20. Similarly, if England did not want to command the Pacific Germany could do so; or the United States. They could each send that fleet here. But they would leave a bare space in the Atlantic if they did. The United States is at this moment quite helpless in the Atlantic. Germany or France or England could do whatever they wanted there for a month or two; and America could not lift a finger because she has none to lift. If Germany were by any remote chance likely to become an enemy of the United States, the United States fleet would not have stirred from the Atlantic; and the Pacific would be quite undisputed to the Japanese. The United States has no enemy in Europe at the present. But that cannot possibly continue for ever. And once she does find a possible enemy on each side of her there will only be one thing to do—and that is to make a friend in Europe as well. She could leave the Atlantic clear then, and attend for so long as she wished to the Pacific; or vice versa.

THE CAPITAL SITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Can it be generally known in Melbourne that this State is damming back at Barren Jack a vast sheet of water equalling in extent the Sydney Harbour, and that the Canberra site is in the locality in this vast lake, with its arms and branches running deep into the surrounding country? Is it possible the other State members would prefer fixing the capital at bleak Dalgety rather than move about 80 miles nearer to Sydney.

I am, etc., A. DONNISON.

SORE EYES TREATED

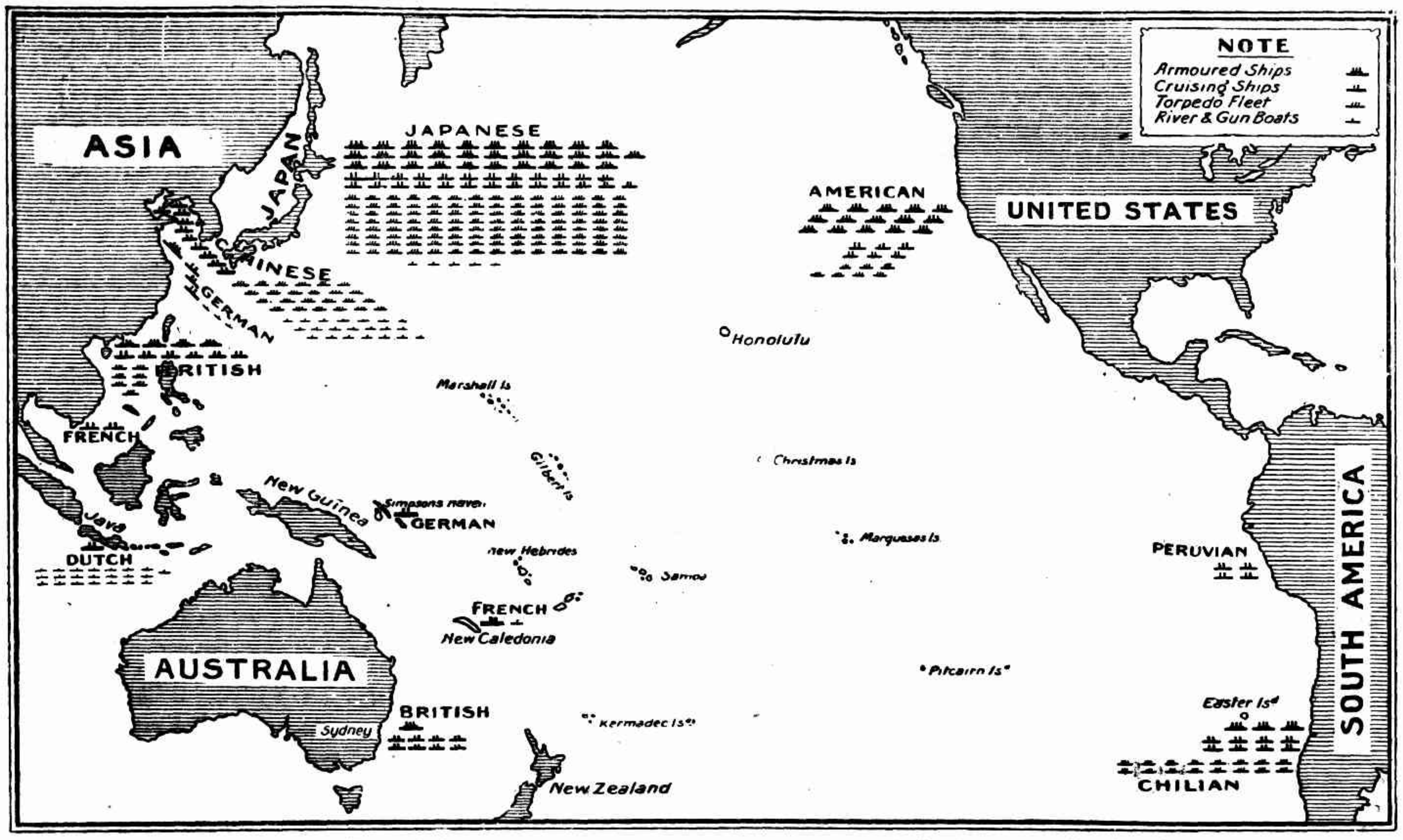
At Two Hospitals for over a Year, but Baby Girl Grew Worse—Mother followed Friendly Advice and Used Cuticura—No Return of Disease for Three Years.

"When my little girl was a few months old, her eyes began to get sore. Thinking it was from her teeth, I was in hope of their getting better, but as they did not improve I took her to the —— Hospital at —— for about twelve months. The doctors there were most kind and attentive, and did all they could for her, but her eyes seemed to get worse. The doctor then sent me into the —— Hospital. I had only attended that institution a short time when a Mrs. Todd stopped me in the street and told me that Cuticura Ointment had cured her boy and advised me to try it. I commenced using it that very night. The cure was marvellous. Her eyes soon began to get strong, and they are now as healthy as if there had never been anything the matter with them. The cure was completed with less than one box of Cuticura Ointment. My little girl was then not three years old. She is now six, and we have never had the least trouble with her eyes since. Mrs. F. Phillips, Grafton-st, Waverley, Sydney, N.S.W., Aug., 8, 1907."—Advt.

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NAVAL STRENGTH OF POWERS IN THE PACIFIC.



This is a map of the fleets in the Pacific, leaving out the American Atlantic fleet now at Manila, and shortly to return to New York after visiting Japan. It shows what a difference a Panama Canal will make if the Americans can keep it unblocked.

In the above map the Russian fleet at Vladivostock has been omitted, because exact details of it are not obtainable. It includes eight torpedo boats, and possibly a small cruiser.

It is almost impossible to divide off modern warships into classes. But the ships which could fight in battle have been classed together and shown by a larger figure; the ships only useful for scouting and cruising have been shown by a smaller one, and the torpedo fleet, submarines and all, by another. Even with such broad distinctions as these it is not easy to draw the line. The Powerful, for example, would be most unlikely to be used in a battle; but her good sea speed and her guns (two 9.2in and 16 6in, all behind armour) make it absurd to class her with the sort of cruiser that carries two 6in guns and a few 12-pounders. She has therefore been included with the armoured ships.

The gunboats, which are shown by dots, form the fleets which the Powers keep in this ocean for use not against the white Powers but against the old peoples of the Pacific—islanders and so forth. They are quite valueless for a big war, except possibly after an invasion had taken place, when they might be used for working up rivers or closed waters with the army. The French have some at Saigon which are not shown; also Portugal. Siam has one weak cruiser and eight river gunboats; Sarawak (Borneo) two gunboats; Australia and New Zealand, three or four gunboats and the Cerebus. But these details do not affect the significance of the above picture.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION.

We have taken pains to get, as far as possible, the views of the Department of Public Instruction upon Professor Carslaw's proposals as embodied in the communication which appeared in our columns yesterday. It must be understood that we do not in the following statement identify ourselves with the position taken up, nor is it given otherwise than as a contribution to the effort to find some way of compromise in the present difficulty. As nearly as we can give them, the department's views are here set forth:—

There appears to be great danger in this discussion of looking at the question as one dealing only with the needs of to-day rather than in the light of the possible future developments of an educational system in a rapidly-growing State. Anything done now should be of such a nature that it will be equally suitable to the conditions that are likely to exist in years to come. Now, what are those conditions likely to be? In the first place stands the almost certain expansion of the State system of secondary schools. This country hardly realises its need in that direction yet. Scarcely 40 years have passed since the passing of the Education Act (England) of 1870, and so much energy has been spent since then in all portions of the British Empire in building up systems of primary education that the English peoples have scarcely recovered sufficiently from their satisfaction at the accomplishment of a great work to give attention to the need for secondary education on a national basis. The English Act of 1902 was a sign of a new awakening. In Germany, on the other hand, the birth throes of a primary system were passed through earlier, and to-day a system of national secondary education is regarded as much a necessity to the State as a national primary system, even to the extent of making some form of education compulsory from the age of 14 to 16. America is rapidly following the lead of Germany in this direction; England is discussing it; Australia has scarcely commenced to think about it. The initial and fundamental problem of secondary education in this country is to get the people to see that it is a national necessity. Not merely a secondary education represented by what we call our secondary schools, but the continued education beyond the age of 14, whether it tends to vocational or merely academic ends. If our country is to get into close grip with the facts and the forces that make for stability and progress, our secondary schools must become more and more vocational, and the methods of teaching be such as to make all subjects of study the medium of culture.

Only the State can carry out a complete scheme of secondary education, and it can scarcely be conceived that the growth of schools of secondary types will not be among the developments of the State functions in the not distant future. There will, of course, still be room for the non-State secondary school. For religious reasons or on social grounds these will always exist, and their existence might well be welcomed. But as time goes on they will have to justify their existence on educational grounds. With the development of the State secondary schools, the non-State schools that have a raison d'etre will become comparatively few in proportion to those under State control.

If this be so, the organisation of the future must be one of direct State control over its own schools, and this will constitute such a large portion of the whole that a separate organisation for the comparatively small remnant would be an anomaly. This does not imply that there should be State direction of non-State schools, but it does imply that the non-State schools should carry State guarantees of efficiency. If it is the function of the State to supply secondary education (and this has by this time passed the stage of argument), then it is a State function to guarantee to its people that the schools not under its control are efficiently conducted. And there is no claim that its powers should go beyond that with regard to these schools. It is likely, then, that a function of the executive will be relegated to the University, which can scarcely be invested with powers to enforce decisions that may call for something more than mere counsel or moral suasion. If registration is to have its full effect in actually suppressing the inefficient school, there must be an executive power behind it to enforce penalty if need be. Is a university a body in which such power should be vested? Where, as in Victoria, registration rests on legislative enactment, the possible enforcement of penalty is a necessary accompaniment, and this requires machinery for the purpose that a university would find somewhat foreign to its character. The establishment of a University Department of Education in Birmingham University under Professor Sadler is quoted as a precedent. But the conditions are different from those which it is desirable should prevail here. The secondary schools there have been the growth of many years, and maintain the strictly literary standards that have marked their history. All of them receive grants on a basis of attendance and subjects of study. These schools are sufficiently numerous to hold their place (by means of grants) among the secondary schools that are being established under the county councils. It cannot well be held that these conditions offer a parallel to what must prevail here—an increasing number of State secondary schools, and a stationary number of efficient non-State schools. Even at Birmingham the hope of ultimate benefit lies in the fact that the distinguished Professor Sadler is in charge, and his large views control.

Professor Carslaw's proposals rest upon the transfer of Mr. Mackie from the position of principal of the Training College to that of Professor of Education. The proposal appears to the department extremely objectionable, though no doubt is expressed as to Mr. Mackie's suitability for the position. He is now occupying a position that is of vastly more value to the State than that of a Professor of Education, a position that requires the greatest ability in that special direction. He has in the Training College 300 students in training as teachers for the primary and secondary schools of the State. This work is one for which the country has had to wait too long, and this year it has reached the point of being an institution that will give to the State schools a regular supply of trained teachers. To take Mr. Mackie away from that work now would be little short of a calamity. The department cannot think that the Government would sanction it. And again, with this important work on his hands, to what work would he be transferred? To give lectures on education for a limited number of hours, and to spend the rest of his time as an inspector of secondary schools. The fact that the title of professor is attached to work of this kind will not make it more important than the work that Mr. Mackie has now in hand.

There is another fallacy underlying the proposal. It is that the giving of lectures by a professor is to be seriously regarded as a training for a secondary teacher, apart from the close alliance of the lecture work with the practical training of the college. The Training College is as much a necessity for the secondary as for the primary teacher, and to place the college portion of the work under one control and the abstract theoretical lecture work under another would be unwise in the extreme. The fact is that the statement that there ought to be a Professor of Education gains currency without much appreciation of its meaning. What we do want is the service which a Professor of Education ought to render as a lecturer on various aspects of education, but closely allied to the training in the practical application of principles in the college. A Professor of Education that is not in close contact with the college would be as badly off as the Professor of Chemistry without his laboratory. The Training College must of necessity be a departmental institution, as it must mainly serve departmental needs. The whole of the legitimate work of the Professor of Education can be carried out by making Mr. Mackie a Lecturer in Education within the University while he is still principal of the college. Any arrangement that would take him away from this work requiring the higher degree of special knowledge in order to make him inspector of a few secondary schools would be a serious sacrifice of the greater for the benefit of the less. Dr. Smyth, of the Melbourne Training College, is a Lecturer in Education in the University, and the scheme works well.

Of course this does not help to a solution of the secondary school question. It simply shows that the Training College cannot be sacrificed. The work of inspecting the secondary schools is a work altogether apart from that of lecturing on education and training teachers. It is hard to see why they should be brought together, as if the one were contingent on the other. As far as the University is concerned, it is clear that it has to regard the work of the secondary schools in so far as they are related to itself. It has to determine whether students who come from them are fit to take up University work. Beyond that it as a University need not concern itself. Beyond that it is the duty of the State to see that the schools are rendering efficient service to the public, and increasingly is it the duty of the State as the schools under its own control increase in number. As far as State schools are concerned, a leaving certificate issued at conclusion of a full graded course would be a guarantee of fitness that no doubt the University would accept. With regard to the non-State schools, if the University wishes it could appoint its own inspector for the purpose of testing them rather than take a principal of a college to be a professor and then make an inspector of him.

In the various proposals that have been made on this subject the department and the University, with the Teachers' Association, have been groping about for expedients and alternatives to take the place of the right thing—the inspection and certification of all secondary schools by a State officer. This appears to the department to be the only plan that fully meets requirements in the light of probable future developments. Such an officer would not be a dictator to the schools, but a valuable helper. His work would be to inspect in such a way that the efficiency of schools could be certificated or otherwise. Beyond that he would be an adviser. He would be a departmental officer, but the value of his work would gradually wear away prejudices that might exist, especially if, as would have to be the case, he were a man of experience drawn from outside the State, and having no part in the sentiments that exist here on the questions at issue. The religious difficulty would possibly exist at the beginning, but the strong appeal to self-interest and the evidence of fairness would in time wear down initial prejudices. Such an officer, co-operating with a University board of examiners (as Professor Carslaw proposes the professor of education should do) could conduct the examinations for the leaving certificate, etc.

If the second best thing must be done, then the University might have its own inspector for the non-State schools. But if the matter is not hurried it is quite possible that the more complete plan of Government inspection will be practicable.

The fundamental objections to Professor Carslaw's scheme are that the position of principal of the Training College is set in the wrong relation to the professorship with inspectorship tacked on, and the University creates within itself an administrative body discharging what are distinctly the functions of a department of the Executive Government, and the whole scheme involves the setting up of a "Department of Education" to do what the existing Department of Public Instruction as a State department should do.

There are many signs of the breaking-down of the feeling of separateness and distrust that appears to have kept this department and the non-State institutions from co-operating. The timidity that exists still among non-State schools with regard to departmental action of the kind that is proposed would doubtless disappear when the spirit of the administration came to be more clearly understood.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—May I make a suggestion in regard to Mr. Board's scheme of secondary education so much before the public of late? It cannot, of course, be that there is in the Department of Public Instruction any feeling of hostility towards the great denominational schools, which, as shown by their splendid records, are doing such good secondary education work without cost to the State, and, equally, of course, it cannot be that the department wishes to destroy these schools and burden the State with the cost of the secondary education they are now providing.

But still it may be well that there should be a complete scheme of education, beginning with the primary schools and extending through State-controlled schools right up to the University.

This is already done to a certain extent. Numbers of clever pupils from the State schools obtain bursaries entitling them to free secondary education at the Sydney Grammar School, which is itself a public institution partly supported by an annual subsidy from the State Treasury.

Now what I would suggest is that the Sydney Grammar School should be entirely devoted to carrying on the secondary education of the Public Instruction Department. The number of bursaries could be very much increased, so that all, and not merely a proportion, of the clever State school boys could be passed on to the Sydney Grammar School. To make room for this great influx of pupils requiring secondary education, the lower school of the Sydney Grammar School, which is doing only preparatory, not secondary, work, could be abolished, and this preparatory work carried on entirely, as it is now, in part, by the preparatory schools under the aegis of the Teachers' Association.

This, I would urge, would complete the scheme which the founders of the Public Instruction Act had in intention, namely, to give to every clever boy whose parents could not afford the fees of the Church secondary schools a passage, free, if need be, from the lowest class in a primary school up to, and by means of scholarships also through, the University.

I am, etc., SYDNEYENSIS.

LAW NOTICES.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

SUPREME COURT.

In Chambers.—At 9.30 o'clock a.m.: Grimson v Freeman and another, for stay of execution.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Gilliver v O'Brien, 11 a.m.; Bowden v Caro, 12 noon; Jarman v Jarman, 2.15 p.m.; Elliott v Sampson, 2 p.m.; Rumpf v N.S.W. Fresh Food and Ice Co., 2.30 p.m.

Before the Chief Clerk.—Grimson v Freeman and Wallace, 10.30 a.m.; Johnston v Weaver, 10.45 a.m.; Campbell and Co., Ltd., v Thomas and others, 10.45 a.m.

In Equity.—Before the Chief Judge in Equity, at 10 a.m.:—Motions generally. Nicholson v Nicholson, originating summons; re will of Julius Scott and Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, Act, motion for appointment of trustee; Whetton v Smith, and Smith v Whetton, part heard; Craigen v Hill, further consideration; R. Glasson, re will of, summons to amend; Bone v Bone, further consideration.

Before the Deputy Registrar, at 11 a.m.:—Watts v Borrowdale, to tax costs; same v same, ditto; same v same, ditto; same v same, ditto. At 2 p.m.:—M'Donald v M'Mullen, to settle minutes of decree. At 2.15 p.m.: Cherry v Fitzpatrick, to tax costs; same v same, ditto.

Before the Chief Clerk, at 2.30 p.m.:—Borough of Drummoyne v Musto, to settle minutes of order.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Acting Registrar, at 10 a.m.: Hearing of proof of debt: Re A. W. Bradly, ex parte W. T. Lynch. Single meetings: George Percival, Montague Scott, Eric Wright. Examination under section 30: George William Gore. At 2.15 p.m.—To settle minutes of order of 10/9/08: Re Maude Annie Irving, ex parte the London Bank of Australia, Limited. Creditors' petition: T. C. Davis and Sons, Ltd., v D. J. Cox.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before his Honor the Probate Judge, at No. 2 Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.: Motions to pass accounts and for commission; motions to sell real estate and miscellaneous motions.

The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Mary Ann Molony, 10.15; George Davis, 10.30; John H. Maddox, 11; Elizabeth Walker, 11.30; Joseph B. Williams, 12; William Hills, 12.30.

Before the Chief Clerk, at 10.30 a.m.—Taxation of official assignee's costs; Archibald Nowland.

As Mr. Justice Street will be engaged in another jurisdiction, his Honor will not sit in Probate to-day.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Industrial Registrar's Office, Queen's-square.—Before the Industrial Registrar, at 10 a.m.—To be mentioned, re sawmill award, appeal under clause 12, re A. Black.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse, at 10 a.m.—Morris v Farmer; Levy v Solomon; Talbot and another v Buchanan; Nottingham v Travis.

Before the Deputy Registrar, in No. 2 Court, at 10 a.m.—Commissioners of Taxation v Horsnell.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Frank M'Carthy and Harry Hagen, larceny and receiving; Charles Chapman Cunningham, embezzlement; Charlie Wong, larceny as a co-partner; Montague Livingstone, larceny as a clerk; John Hoad, obstructing a constable.

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BUILDINGS AND WORKS.

PROGRESS OF THE TRADE.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.

Although £40,000 was spent within the last 12 months in making improvements to school buildings in the city and suburbs, it has not nearly satisfied the demands. Additional stories have been placed on many of the existing schools, rendering alteration to the ground floor necessary to make the building as near fire-proof as possible, and provide an easy means of egress in time of panic. The department insists upon the first floors being formed of concrete on iron girders, and also all the doors to the first floor rooms swinging outwards towards the stair hall. The stairs of schools are now being built of concrete, with ironite treads and risers. Further, the stair is now built within two brick walls, so that when a person reaches the foot of the stair he is clear of the building. Thus, if a fire took place on the ground floor the children on the first floor would be able to escape without coming into contact with the lower rooms. It would take a lot of money to place all the school buildings of two stories in height in such a fire-proof condition, but the work is gradually being carried out. However, at the present time the department is without funds. The money voted has been spent, and plans are not only hung up, but tenders for various work are also in hand, waiting for money before letting contracts. Many of the works thus suspended are of an urgent character, and will be pushed on with as soon as possible.

Still, the department is not idle, and the officer in charge of the school buildings, viz., Mr. Wells, of the Government Architect's Department, is kept busy with work in hand.

Plans have just been completed and tenders are in for building 10 new class-rooms on modern lines at the Cleveland-street school, at a cost of £5600. The additions will include a new department for the infants, and two class-rooms for the girls' school. The boys will then occupy the whole of the original building, including the portion now used by the infants. The trustees of Prince Alfred Park having leased the department a portion of the park at a nominal rental of 1s, a new playground will thus be provided and fenced in, and made fit for the children.

Plans have been got out for an infants' school at the Glebe, on a new site in Bay-street, near Wentworth Park.

Tenders have been in hand for some time, waiting for funds, to build a new brick school at Dulwich Hill, and to make additions to the present wooden building, to be removed to another portion of the site and turned into a science room. The work will cost about £3500. The new school is for the boys.

At Naremburn additions have been made at a cost of £1890.

Plans are ready for the Newtown North new school building, but there is no money available to erect the building, which it is estimated will cost £10,000. The building is to be used as a practical training ground for teachers.

A large school building has just been started at Greenwich, to cost £3600. The building will be of brick with stone dressings, and is being erected on a new site facing the main road. There will be five new class-rooms, as well as outbuildings and fencing.

At the Technical College, at Ultimo, nearly £5000 has just been expended in erecting extensions to the architectural workshops. The improvements consist of the erection of another story and remodelling the interior of the whole block. By this means there has been provided a new plumbing workshop, 38ft by 25ft, a wood-work machine shop 62ft by 38ft, a testing room 22ft by 15ft, and a timber stack 32ft by 9ft. These are all on the ground floor. On the first floor there is a carpenters' workshop, one of the finest in the State, 89ft long by 38ft in width, also a room for models, 32ft by 24ft, and rooms for the lecturers, teachers, etc. On the second floor there has been provided four architectural drawing rooms, and a lecture-room 40ft by 32ft. At the college a cookery school has just been built at a cost of over £2000. It provides a large lecture-room, an extensive dining-room, a new general kitchen, a special kitchen, and a suite of rooms for the cooking mistress, dressing-rooms for the girls, and a well-appointed laundry. The fittings throughout are of the most modern kind. A contract has just been let for adding a story to the whole of the foundry shops at the college. This will give an additional floor space of 75ft by 45ft. These additions will cost £1713. The department has just spent £323 in renovating the whole of the interior of the main college.

At Chatswood additions are being made to the school, at a cost of £1450. This will provide two additional class-rooms, cookery class-rooms stores, scullery, etc., and also a number of improvements will be made to the playground.

At Rose Bay quite £1400 is now being spent in making improvements to the grounds around the school buildings, including the building of retaining walls, grading the site, tar-paving, fencing, etc.

At Parramatta North a new brick building is going up, at a cost of £1650, to provide four additional class-rooms, a teachers' room, and rooms for hats, etc.

A new school is being built at Campsie on a fresh site. The building will cost £1300, and will provide accommodation for 180 infants.

At Canterbury additions are being made to the school buildings to provide accommodation for 100 extra children.

At Gardener's-road, North Botany, a large school addition is being carried out, at a cost of £3574. This will give six new class-rooms, each room holding 50 children.

At Paddington a science-room, rooms for manual training, cookery class-rooms, dining-room, sewing-room, and room for lady teachers have just been completed, at a cost of £1583.

Tenders will shortly be called for making additions to the Newtown school, so as to provide a cookery department, a manual training department, and also rooms for physical science.

Tenders are in hand, waiting for funds, for making additions to the Rozelle school buildings, at a cost of £2000. A part of the existing building will be remodelled, and a number of new class-rooms will be provided for the boys' department.

At Mosman tenders are called to convert the teacher's residence into a science and manual training department in connection with the local school.

At Arncliffe a new building has been erected at a cost of £2777.

Plans are now completed for the new training college for teachers, but as this work will run into between £60,000 and £80,000, the matter will have to go before the Public Works Committee.

Plans have also been prepared for remodelling a number of existing city and suburban schools, to do away with the system of teaching in one long room; also to give better light and ventilation to many of the school buildings, and to bring the windows at the side of the teacher and the class, instead of behind or in front. But it is probable that these works will only be carried out as funds permit, unless Parliament increases the education vote.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Municipal Council of Balmain is calling for tenders for competitive designs and estimates, under a nom-de-plume, for extensive additions to the local Town Hall. A premium of £10 10s is offered, and the closing date has been fixed for October 31.

A premium of £5 is offered for a suitable plan and specification for laying-out and improving the recreation reserve at Cremorne, consisting of the 100ft reservation above high-water mark, and containing an area of about 19 acres.

Plans are being prepared by Mr. D. T. Morrow for a residence at Coogee and two shops at Rockdale. Quantities are now being got ready in the same office for stores in Sussex-street, and for extensive additions to business premises in Castlereagh-street.

In the office of Mr. Burcham Clamp plans are in course of preparation for extension of storage premises at Pyrmont, and for factory premises in the city.

The Government is calling tenders for the manufacture, supply, and delivery of 16,000 tons of 60lb steel rails. The closing date is the 19th inst.

Plans are being prepared by Mr. S. H. Buchanan for two semi-detached cottages at Allen-street, Glebe.

Mr. A. G. Newman has plans in hand for a shop and a produce store at Strathfield.

Messrs. Robertson and Marks are completing plans for a warehouse in Clarence-street.

Mr. L. S. Robertson has drawings in hand for a large residence at Rockdale, and another at Hornsby.

In the office of Mr. J. T. M'Carthy the closing date for the hotel at Albury has been fixed for 10th inst.

Mr. G. W. Durrell will call for tenders this week to erect a residence at Centennial Park.

Mr. C. Blacket is completing plans for three shops and dwellings to be erected at Drummoyne. Tenders will shortly be called.

In the office of Mr. T. J. Darling tenders close to-day for additions and alterations to two houses in Elizabeth Bay.

CONTRACTS LET.

During last week contracts were let by architects for the following works:—

Walcha.—Erection of a bank for the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney. Messrs. Kent and Budden, architects. Messrs. Hocking Bros., builders.

Manly.—Additions and alterations to the New Brighton Hotel at Manly. Mr. J. T. M'Carthy, architect. Mr. R. Mesnent, builder.

Coogee.—Erection of a cottage at Coogee. Mr. R. J. Collins, architect. The Newton Building Company, contractors.

St. Leonards.—Erection of a shop and dwelling on the Lane Cove-road, St. Leonards. Mr. T. J. Darling, architect. Mr. R. C. Ingram, builder.

Gunnedah.—Erection of an hotel at Gunnedah. Messrs. Sheerin and Hennessy, architects. Mr. J. Stevenson, of Gunnedah, builder.

Waverley.—Alterations to a property at Leichhardt-street, Waverley. Messrs. Spain and Cosh, architects. Mr. W. H. M'Donald, builder.

Redfern.—Erection of a cottage at Redfern. Mr. S. H. Buchanan, architect. Mr. G. Tucker, builder.

Auburn.—Erection of two residences at Auburn. Mr. Burcham Clamp, architect. Mr. Thomas Hewson, builder.

Redfern.—Renovations and general alterations to eight houses at Redfern. Mr. Burcham Clamp, architect. Mr. J. A. Pearsall, builder.

TENDERS.

Annandale.—Erection of business premises in Johnston-street, Annandale. Tenders close October 10. Messrs. Sheerin and Hennessy, architects, 243 Pitt-street.

Watson's Bay.—Erection of a shop and refreshment-room at Watson's Bay. Mr. H. Newton, next Palace Hotel.

Manly.—Erection of a large residence at Manly. Messrs. Hassall and Stockham, architects, 3 Castlereagh-street.

Ryde.—Erection of a cottage at Ryde. Mr. B. C. Martyn, architect, Linsley-street, Gladesville. Plans also at Martyn and Son, printers, 14 Castlereagh-street. Tenders close October 9.

Forbes.—Erection of a homestead residence in the Forbes district. Mr. Herbert E. Ross, architect, Equitable-buildings.

Elizabeth Bay.—Additions and alterations to two houses in Elizabeth Bay. Mr. Thomas J. Darling, architect, 12 Spring-street.

Hurstville.—Erection of a warehouse and w.b. residence at Hurstville. Tenders close October 6. Mr. A. A. Tryt, architect, Carlton.

City.—Alterations and additions to premises, 75 Clarence-street. Plans at 77 Clarence-street.

Gosford.—Alterations and additions to a weatherboard shop at Gosford. Mr. Gordon M'Kinnon, architect, 81 Pitt-street.

Drummoyne.—Erection of a brick cottage at Drummoyne. Plans at 181 Glebe Point-road.

Concord.—Erection of a weatherboard cottage at Concord. Tenders close to-day at noon. Mr. W. L. Stillman, architect, 78 Pitt-street.

Macleay-street.—Painting and fencing a number of houses in Macleay-street for the Permanent Trustee Company, Limited. Messrs. Joseland and Vernon, architects, 9 Castlereagh-street.

Dulwich Hill.—Erection of a brick cottage. Plans at Kia-Ora, 215 Denison-road, Dulwich Hill.

Drummoyne.—Erection of a brick cottage at Drummoyne. Tenders close 10th instant. Mr. I. Ada, 181 Glebe-road.

Harden.—Erection of a two-storied brick mechanics' institute at Harden. Tenders close October 21st. Mr. Ernest R. Laver, architect, Cootamundra. Plans will be posted to Sydney builders wishing to tender.

Burrowa.—Erection of an amusement hall and offices for the A.H.C. Guild, Burrowa. Tenders close October 15. Plans at 24 Goulburn-street, Sydney; or from the architect, Mr. Ernest H. Boyd, Portland.

Agricultural Ground.—Erection of a grand stand on the Agricultural Ground, Moore Park. Tenders close 20th instant. Plans at the architect's office, on the show ground, after to-morrow.

Leura.—Erection of a brick Methodist Church at Leura. Tenders close 14th instant. Mr. E. Hewlett Hogben, architect, Leura. Plans also from the Rev. James Woolnough, 129 Castlereagh-street.

Redfern.—Erection of factory premises at Elizabeth-street, Redfern. Tenders close 10th instant at 10 a.m. Mr. D. T. Morrow, architect, Newtown, and Moore-street, city.

Balmain.—Erection of two cottages in Birchgrove-road, Balmain. Tenders close October 20. Mr. T. W. Hodgson, architect, Bull's-chambers, Moore-street.

Kogarah.—Erection of a school and residence at Kogarah. Mr. S. H. Buchanan, architect, Challis House, Martin-place.

Centennial Park.—Erection of a villa residence at Lang-road, Centennial Park. Mr. George W. Durrell, architect, 14 Castlereagh-street.

Newtown.—Erection of a shop, dwelling, and stores in Newtown. Mr. James Campbell, architect, 10 Enmore-road, Newtown.

Boomi Shire.—Erection of a plain beam timber bridge over Gil Gil Creek on Wirrah-road, Mungindi to Bullarah. Tenders close October 31. Plans at the shire office, or at the contractor's room, Public Works, Sydney.

Cooma.—Additions to a residence, near Michelago; additions to a residence near Cooma; erection of an operating-room and isolation block at the Cooma Hospital; repairs, painting, etc., to business premises at Cooma; repairs, painting, etc., to two residences near Cooma. Plans with Mr. F. Trenchard Smith, architect, 82 Pitt-street; or with the architect for the work, Mr. G. D. Cochran, Cooma.

Newtown.—Erection of two baker's ovens in Newtown. Mr. James Campbell, architect, 18 Enmore-road, Newtown.

City.—Erection of a shop and warehouse building in George-street, for Baker and Rouse, Limited. Tenders close on Friday next. Mr. John Reid, architect, Equitable-buildings.

Canterbury.—Alterations and additions to the Town Hall, Canterbury. Time has been extended to noon on Monday, October 12. Plans at the Town Hall, Canterbury.

Randwick.—Erection of two cottages, near Frenchman's-road, Randwick. Mr. A. A. Lewis, architect, Allison-road, Randwick.

Darlington.—Extensive repairs and alterations to 12 houses in Darlington-road, Darlington. Tenders close October 9. Mr. John Reid, architect, Equitable-buildings.

Kensington.—Alterations and rebuilding. Plans at Mayfair, Abbott-street, Kensington.

Cooma.—Erection of a residence at Cooma for Mr. H. C. Badgery. Messrs. Kent and Budden, architects, 129 Pitt-street, city.

Newcastle.—Erection of two additional stories to office premises in Watt-street, Newcastle. Plans with Mr. G. Sydney Jones, architect, Sydney, or Mr. E. Tingle, architect, Newcastle.

Dubbo.—Installation of a septic tank and necessary fittings to the district hospital of Dubbo. Plans at the hospital.

Newtown.—Erection of a weatherboard cottage. Plans at 40 O'Connell-street, Newtown.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS.

Paddington.—Re-woodblocking of a section of Oxford-street, Paddington. Tenders close October 12 with the town clerk at Paddington.

Balmain.—Supplying and erecting ornamental coping and piers on concrete foundation along the Glassop-street frontage to Elkington Park. Tenders close to-day with the town clerk of Balmain.

Kuring-gai Shire.—Large number of contracts for different road works. Particulars at the council chambers, Gordon, during office hours. Tenders close 7th instant with the shire engineer.

Glebe.—Forming and ballasting York-street, and constructing a stormwater channel from Edward-street to Eglinton-road. Tenders close to-day with the town clerk.

Randwick.—Building of dressing sheds, etc., at Little Coogee. Tenders close to-day with the town clerk.

Ryde.—Erection of a gallery and a refreshment room at the Ryde swimming baths. Tenders close on Friday next with the town clerk of Ryde.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

NEW WORKS.

BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To close Monday, October 19.—Erection of additional class rooms, Public School, Parkes; additions and improvements to Public School, Newcastle South; erection of courthouse, Lithgow; erection of new school and additions to residence, Public School, Dunoon; erection of courthouse and police buildings, Bellingen; construction of pump, well, suction pipe, and staging, service and irrigation tanks, etc., water supply Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond; supply and erection of pumping machinery, water supply, Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond; manufacture, supply, and delivery of 10,000 tons of 80lb steel rails.

To close Monday, October 26.—Drainage of North Casino Swamp; sinking of artesian bore in the Bunyah Bore Water Trust district; erection of nurses' and matron's quarters (Hill Branch), Hospital for Insane, Gladesville; erection of flag and rocket houses, Pilot Station, Crookhaven; construction of a regulator gate across cutting, connecting Crooked Creek with Lake Albert (fresh amended tenders); ventilation of third section, Newcastle sewerage.

To close Monday, November 2.—Erection of post and telegraph office, Canbelego (fresh tenders); erection of fire station, Rozelle; construction of new roof for fish pond, fish hatchery, Prospect.

To close Tuesday, November 10.—Additions to Public School, Cootamundra; erection of new buildings, Public School, Senne; additions to Public School, Delegate; erection of manager's cottage, experimental farm, Yanco.

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To close October 12.—Construction of 3400 lineal feet of stoneware and cast iron pipe sewers, in the municipality of Willoughby (fresh tenders).

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COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

NOWRA, Monday.

A largely attended public meeting, presided over by the Mayor (Alderman R. Patterson), at the School of Arts on Friday night, decided to present an address to Sir Harry Rawson, and entertain his Excellency, together with Miss Rawson and Lieutenant Rawson, at luncheon on the 15th instant. The movement was marked by much enthusiasm, and a most cordial reception is assured the Governor.

WOLLONGONG, Monday.

Peter Joseph Fredericks, 86 years of age, died last night. Deceased was one of the oldest residents of the district, having resided here for 68 years.

MUNICIPAL.

FORBES, Monday.

A public meeting of citizens (by requisition) was held in the town hall on Friday night to protest against enforcing the carting away of all bath water, and disconnection of all drains with all buildings. The Mayor presided. Widespread interest has been aroused over this action of the council, which was shown to be unworkable in the best interests of the ratepayers. At this meeting two of the local doctors (one personally and the other by letter) showed that bath water running into the drains acted as a disinfectant. The following resolutions were then put and carried, with but one dissentient (an alderman):—"That in the opinion of this meeting the action of the municipal council in enforcing the carting away of all bath water flowing from premises within the area is beyond the scope of ordinance 39, and is likewise unnecessary, and will entail much cost and very great inconvenience to the ratepayers." "That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the council, requesting that the matter of carting away bath water be stayed till further information is obtained from departmental authorities upon such question."

LIVERPOOL, Monday.

The petitions recently distributed at Hoxton Park in regard to bringing about the excision of the south-western portion of West Ward, and its attachment to Nepean Shire, are being extensively signed. The Works Department has furnished the council with a copy of a petition received from a number of residents of East Ward, and asks to be furnished with data respecting the area sought to be excised. The petitioners express the desire to be attached to Sutherland Shire, on the ground that their land is poor, and that it is impossible for them to pay the rates at present imposed by the Liverpool Council. At a preliminary meeting held at Ingleburn recently it was decided to convene a general meeting of ratepayers on an early date to initiate a movement for the separation of a portion of the South Ward from the municipality.

The Mayor has submitted a minute, announcing that the temporary loan of £1000, obtained on June 30 last, together with interest thereon (£10 6s), had been paid, and that the credit balances to date were:—General account, £196 7s 10d; gas account, £34 13s 3d; local loan rate account, £101 11s 10d; trust fund account, £350 14s 9d: total, £683 17s 8d.

MOLONG, Monday.

As a result of a visit from an inspector of the Board of Health, the municipal council is in receipt of a somewhat drastic report from this department, concerning the condition of the licensed dairies and slaughter houses within the municipality.

THE SCHOOLS.

GOULBURN, Monday.

At the annual meeting of the Goulburn District School Parents and Citizens' Union the report showed a good year's work, the school having been assisted in many ways. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £10. Mr. A. H. Maple-Brown was re-elected president, and Mr. A. C. Barrett hon. secretary.

BREWARRINA, Monday.

The engine-room pumping plant, which supplies the railway with water, was discovered on fire on Saturday afternoon by the pumping engineer and stoker. A good pressure of water being available the fire was quickly extinguished, and serious loss averted. The damage is estimated at £20.

CHATSWORTH ISLAND, Monday.

Mr. John Kempnich, aged 30, died on Saturday in Lower Clarence Hospital. Deceased received a heavy fall from a bucking horse two months ago, but apparently recovered, and resumed his work. Paralysis, however, set in a few days ago, and he succumbed to the malady.

COFF'S HARBOUR, Monday.

There is a movement on foot at the jetty to form a surf-bathing and life-saving club, and to get lines and life buoys along the beach.

COOMA, Monday.

Residents of Bibbenluke are petitioning the Postal Department for the establishment of a money-order office in connection with the local post-office. Residents of Snowy Plain are requesting an improved mail service.

A number of interested residents of Numeralla, having intimated that they are prepared to supply poles for the erection of a telephone line to that centre, and prepared to comply with the other requirements of the department, the Postmaster-General has approved of arrangements being made to go on with the work as far as the department is concerned.

The State Governor, Sir Harry Rawson, has contributed two guineas towards the forthcoming ball in aid of the Cooma District Hospital.

GILGANDRA, Monday.

The movement in the direction of establishing a flour mill at Gilgandra, which has been astir for some time, has again taken life. Mr. M'Leod, of Wellington, is in the district arranging the preliminaries, and the erection of grain sheds will soon be undertaken.

MOLONG, Monday.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A., is in receipt of a communication from the Railway Commissioners admitting the desirability of extending the platform at the Manildra railway station, but stating there were no funds available for the work. Owing to the shortness of the platform passengers are compelled to alight on the ground, at much personal inconvenience and risk. They also stated that the additional railway facilities for Molong will not come into operation before the end of October.

YAMBULLA, Monday.

Mr. Alfred Jones, J.P., late mining registrar at Yambulla, died at the Federal Hotel on the 3rd October, after a short illness. To show the esteem in which he was held the whole field turned out—men, women, and little children—and followed the coffin a mile on its way to Towamba, where the remains were taken for interment. The deceased was 56 years of age, and a native of Birmingham, England.

WEST WYALONG, Monday.

A deputation of Wyalong municipal councillors waited on Mr. A. J. Kelly, M.L.A., last week, and pointed out the necessity for increased Public school accommodation at Wyalong, for throwing open lands on the temporary common for settlement in small areas, and for a special grant for a fire brigade. Mr. Kelly promised to give each matter his best attention.

Many country properties in this district are changing ownership. One which two years ago was for sale for £1000, and has not had much improvement effected thereon since that time, was sold last week for £2000.

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THE WEEK IN LONDON.

AN AUSTRALIAN'S NOTES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

A German Move.

LONDON, Sept. 4.

The centre of interest in foreign politics has shifted during the week to Morocco, albeit Germany remains pre-eminent as the objective of English concern. The downfall of the Sultan Abdul Aziz, and the triumphant progress thus far of his usurping brother, Muley Hafid, have well maintained our interest in Moroccan affairs, in the absence of French attacks, or repulsions of attack, upon and from the tribesmen. But an unexpected coup of German diplomacy has aroused in England, and in Europe generally, very much more than the ordinary interest. In order to properly understand the excitement attaching to Germany's latest move, it is necessary to recall the Anglo-French agreement of 1904, which left to France, in consultation with Spain, the preservation of order in Morocco, both those countries having special interests there. Germany subsequently notified the Sultan that she was not a party to this agreement, and the Sultan having thereupon rejected certain French proposals for reform, the Algeciras Conference of 1906 followed. The agreement of that conference provided, Germany acquiescing, that France and Spain should undertake Moroccan reforms held to be necessary. At the beginning of the present campaign of Muley Hafid against the reigning Sultan the British, French, German, and Spanish Consuls were withdrawn from the Moroccan capital Fez to Tangier by unanimous decision of the four Powers. On Saturday last, to the astonishment of Europe, and after carefully concealed preparations, the German Consul suddenly left Tangier for Fez, in order, as is now suggested, to be first in the field to recognise Muley Hafid as the new Sultan. As no other Power has begun to think of recognising Muley, as the Algeciras Conference specifically admitted the paramount interests of France and Spain in the country, and as, moreover, France is still at open war with tribesmen known to be well disposed towards Muley Hafid, the French press is unanimously angry with Germany, and denounces her latest move as being not only an attempt to steal a march upon the Powers specifically entrusted with Moroccan affairs, but also as being open to the suspicion that she is thereby seeking friendly influence with the people, including the tribesmen France is actually fighting in the common interest of French and Spanish possessions. With that influence attained, it is urged, Germany will secure undue predominance, at the expense of France, as the friend of Muley and of Morocco generally. The English press, also severe in its deprecation of Germany's move, regrets, as one result of the incident, the dissipation of the genial, diplomatic atmosphere engendered by the Kaiser's recent speech of conciliation wherein he emphasised Germany's desire for friendly relations with everybody.

A Howling Gale.

September has come in like a lion. Partridge shooting began on the first, duly, but torrents of rain and a fierce gale of wind laid the guns under cover equally with the birds. On the coast the weather has been awful. London itself does not as a rule participate in the terrific manifestations of Nature which sweep upon England from the eastern and northern seas. The Channel rages and swells, the North Sea and the Irish Sea burst into grey turbulence of storm, and roaring billows heave themselves mountainously against the rugged cliffs of Cornwall. Here in London we are dimly conscious that there is more wind about than usual, and the showers of rain that find us out are somewhat less negotiable than ordinarily, because at street corners they are swept horizontally across our path by gusty squalls. But in the open spaces of the country such a gale plays havoc, and from all over England just now comes a story of devastation. Hops, fruit, and ungathered produce have been destroyed in enormous quantities. In Kent the thousands of hop-pickers who had just arrived on the scene are in a pitiable plight. Men, women, and hundreds of those pathetic children one had seen on London Bridge, agog for a sight of the open fields, are waiting, drenched and bedraggled, under the hedgrows, for a chance to begin work, while the hop gardens themselves have been torn asunder by the force of the gale. On the coast the track of the storm is marked by wreckage, and the sullen sea throws upon the beaches, now and again, a dead body, for 20 men were drowned in the wreck of the barque Amazon, so near to the Welsh coast that thousands of people, crowded upon the shore, watched, powerlessly, sailors cast from the rigging into a raging sea, there to do desperate and unavailing battle for life. An excursion steamer which has made throughout the season pleasant trips among the South of England resorts fell upon disaster in the run from Brighton to Southampton. Her steering gear went wrong in the storm, she struck upon the rocks, and lifebelts were handed to her 160 passengers. Women and children were taken ashore, in the middle of the night, by lifeboats sent out from the coast, and other passengers spent the whole night in intense anxiety, buffeted by a stormy sea. Two Dutch lads rescued the crew of an English tug under thrilling circumstances. In a small boat, with one of their oars smashed, the lamp out, and the water pouring in through the empty plugholes, they made Rotterdam in the teeth of a howling wind, huge seas, and total darkness, what time one of the Dutch boys kept up the courage of his freight by singing, in broken English, an old hymn. The Ostend packet was swept from stem to stern by tempestuous seas, and the turbine from Folkstone to Boulogne, carrying 600 passengers, had a similarly desperate struggle with the storm. And while all this was going on we Londoners were about in our millions, objecting to the rain as threatening the break-up of our record summer, and anathematising the little gusts of wind that made the passage of street corners inconvenient.

"First-nighters."

The autumn novelties are abroad in theatreland. Six play-houses are opening this week, and six new plays solicit the goodwill of Londoners. Next week will welcome a further batch, and theatregoers will thereafter be kept in a pleasant state of expectancy until well into October, for new pieces and revivals of old ones are announced to fall upon the town with an abundance as of the fabled leaves of Vallombrosa. It is the heyday of the first-nighter! He is an enthusiastic person, but the prolific output of this autumn season will test even his abnormally developed powers of endurance and assimilation. I do not refer specifically to those first-nighters whose lines are cast in such pleasant places as enable them to saunter at ease within the hallowed walls of theatredom—the noble army of privileged claimants upon the management, and the best seats (dead-heads, to wit). Nor am I thinking of the other noble army of the wealthy, to whom half-guinea stalls, oft repeated, are no longer so much a luxury of life as a necessity. By first-nighters in this connection I mean the real enthusiasts of the theatre—the people who go without their dinners rather than miss the chance of a good seat in pit or gallery, who must go without their dinners, in fact, because the queues begin to form at 5 o'clock. The doors do not open until 8 generally—8.30 being the popular hour of beginning a London performance. The three hours' wait is consumed in a variety of ways. Camp-stools, sandwiches, and novels, combined, offer admirable resistance to the weariness of brain and ache of body, which less wise provision combats merely by promiscuous conversation and the meagre interest attaching to the performances of vagabond acrobats in the adjoining streets. The wait may, of course, be done vicariously by means of the messenger boys who are a feature of London life. These will take your place in the queue at the rate of one shilling for the first hour, and eightpence for each succeeding hour. But the true first-nighter waits himself, as a rule. It should be understood that there is not the slightest chance of hooliganism in either pit or gallery—at any rate of a West End theatre. The queues are made up of hundreds of eminently respectable people. Many of them constitute the "Gallery First-nighters' Club," the members of which, in attendance at every premiere, consist largely of young ladies whose soft accents are an echo of Mayfair, and of young gentlemen of the literary student type, who discourse learnedly on Shavism and the Censorship—very companionable people indeed. The best of the preliminaries to the new play is when you come out on the other side of the entrance doors—when the long wait is over, and you are in the theatre. Salvos of applause, meant for greeting of the various eminent personages filing into stalls and boxes, now issue from pit and gallery. A London first-night necessarily draws a crowd of well-known people—literary men, dramatists, famous actors and actresses, society beauties, the latest social lion, and what not. The pittites and the galleryites know them all. As they watch their entrance they call to each other the name of this or that celebrity, they breathe out whispered homage, or they burst into applause. It must be confessed that the celebrities manage to take it standing. Some of them, as a matter of fact, stand for quite a long time in leisurely survey of the house—doubtless merely by way of curiosity as to who is actually present, and not at all for any base purpose of exhibition. That, of course, would not occur to a celebrity. It has been forced upon me of late that the crowded pit and gallery sometimes certain spurious first-nighters. The inner craft follow the play keenly, responsive to its every phase. They know their drama and their authors, and they know above all their celebrities. Your spurious first-nighter, on the other hand, giggles in the wrong place, fails to catch the significance of details, and is revealed more clearly still by the fact that he does not know his audience. He pretends to, which is different—and worse. Hence I have heard him—her, to be quite accurate—greet a lady sweeping gorgeously into the stalls as Melba, Mrs. Langtry, and Julia Neilson respectively. I have heard him whisper anxious details of the fact that Mr. Blank was again with Lady So-and-so, when as a matter of fact Mr. Blank was innocently merged in conversation with Mrs. Blank; and I have heard him name Mr. Haddon Chambers as both Mr. Pinero and Mr. Paul Rubens. Such blunders are hopeless. Your genuine first-nighter knows who's who; and knowing that knows also what's what. He loves his theatre. He follows the play mercilessly. He snorts at the old platitude, be it ever so skilfully sugared. He has a subtle sense of discrimination, and a nose for the elusive. At the end, if he is pleased he roars "Author! Author!" lustily; if he is not pleased, he boo-hoos equally lustily. He is a discerning fellow, this first-nighter. Hence he is worth—to art, if not to some managements—half a hundred clacquers. But that is another story.

EDUCATION.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The council of the Teachers' Association met on Friday evening, when an extensive programme of business was dealt with. The report of the discussion with the assistant teachers went to show that no definite position had been reached, and consequently it was decided to leave the whole matter where it it. Amendments to be proposed in the constitution were outlined for the benefit of the sub-committee dealing with the constitution. A proposal to express appreciation in some practical form of the educational services of Herr Alpen was received. A question of the position of matriculation candidates who fail in one subject only was referred to the sub-committee dealing with University matters.

CONFERENCE OF INSPECTORS AND TEACHERS.

On the introduction of the present syllabus for Public schools meetings of teachers and the inspectors of the various districts were held to discuss the purposes of the syllabus and the best methods of carrying it out. These meetings are still held with more or less regularity and at varying intervals in the metropolitan district, while in the country the teachers' associations conduct a form of meeting that affords opportunity for syllabus discussions as well as matters otherwise affecting teachers. Inspectors yearly meet at the Department of Public Instruction in Sydney, usually late in January or early in February, to outline the work of the new year and to confer broadly upon methods of general procedure in relation to the inspection of schools. The inspectors' meeting is unquestionably very beneficial to the State school system. There is by no means unanimity of opinion among inspectors any more than among teachers on many educational questions, consequently the discussions are often marked by careful debate. But the views are inspectors' views, not teachers'. A feeling has grown up that a conference of inspectors and teachers would greatly assist the schools.* At the farewell dinner to Mr. Cotterill the matter was suggested. At the council meeting of the Teachers' Association on Friday evening Mr. Witts moved,—"That it is desirable that a conference of teachers and inspectors be arranged at an early date to discuss matters relating to the syllabus and the general present working of schools." The motion was approved by the council, and placed upon the business paper of the conference, as it was felt that such a proposal should receive the consideration of all teachers.

SEWING IN SCHOOLS.

The circumstances of the teacher's wife who has to teach needlework for four hours in each week in all schools below the third class, have often been discussed by the teachers of that division of the schools which numbers four-fifths of those classified. In the lowest grades of schools £24 per annum is added to the married teacher's salary as a married teacher's allowance; in fourth and fifth class schools the allowance to the teacher's wife is £12 per annum for teaching sewing for four hours per week for 44 weeks in the year. In these schools she is assisted by the women assistants or not, according to the circumstances of the school, while she is responsible for the pupil teachers' needlework. The Hornsby branch of the Teachers' Association recently submitted certain resolutions to the general council on the matter, and the council appointed the women of its body to report on the question. The first resolution from Hornsby was:—"That when the staff of a school is capable of undertaking the teaching of sewing, the teacher's wife should be relieved of that duty, and the head teacher should (still) be paid full salary."

The sub-committee did not support this motion, but recommended that the time for teaching sewing be reduced to one afternoon per week, and that the women teachers assist the teacher's wife on that afternoon, but that all work of preparation be done by the teacher's wife, and in the event of a time reduction being granted no change be made in the present salary of the teacher.

The discussion on the report in the council was lengthy, especially in relation to the time, and resulted in the setting down of needlework in schools as an item for consideration of the conference.

TEACHERS' EFFICIENCY MARKS.

The system adopted by the Department of Public Instruction to test the efficiency of all teachers annually has already been explained. The part of it that requires head masters and mistresses to report upon their assistants has given rise to some difference of opinion as to the correct course of making out such reports. From the country there came before the Teachers' Council on Friday evening some questions on the teachers' reports, the inspectors' reports, and the final mark awarded, which the council did not feel that it could answer without reference to the Department of Public Instruction. The executive of the council was therefore requested to see the Under-Secretary and ask him his opinion on some of the bearings of teachers' efficiency reports.

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AMUSEMENTS.

THE ADA CROSSLEY CONCERTS.

The third concert of Mme. Ada Crossley's brilliant, but now rapidly terminating season, will be given at the Town Hall to-night, when the famous contralto will sing a grand aria by Meyerbeer, Nevin's "Little Boy Blue," and Harold Fraser Simson's new song, "Sunshine and Storm," with organ obbligato. Mr. John Harrison's new numbers will be "Ah, Moon of My Delight" (Lehmann), and Hermann Lohr's "Margarita." Mr. Hamilton Earle has chosen the baritone aria from Massenet's "Le Roi de Lahore," Ruben's "When the Stars were Young," and a ballad by Squires. Mr. Percy Grainger will play a Brahms group, and this brilliant pianist will also render the popular "Polonaise in A flat" of Chopin. Mr. Sametini's principal violin contributions will be the favourite "Ave Maria" of Schubert, and the finale from a Wieniawski "Concerto." Mr. J. C. Williamson notifies that the plan for these concerts is now once more at Paling's.

"TWO LITTLE SAILOR BOYS."

The box plan for "Two Little Sailor Boys," to be staged at the Palace Theatre by Meynell and Gunn's Dramatic Company next Saturday night for the first time in Sydney, will be opened at Elvy's this morning.

"A TALE OF TWO CITIES."

A lecture-recital of "A Tale of Two Cities," with musical items, will be given at St. James's Hall to-night by Mr. Wm. Holman and Miss Lilian Booth. The vocalists will be Miss Muriel Casey and Mrs. J. A. Dobbie.

SINGLE TAX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The Rev. Paul Clipsham would have saved himself some labour in research and citation, and much energetic vituperation, had he remembered that single taxers have no personal quarrels, and feel no bitterness towards individuals in this controversy. Those who enjoy the advantages and privileges which the land-owning institution of our present social order confers are entitled to hold what they have while they may, and I am not aware that anyone asks them to surrender it, or implicates them in any personal acts of wrongdoing because they do not. Our quarrel is with those social arrangements which confer these special advantages, and it is to the alteration of these our efforts are directed. Henry George's reform seeks to establish such a natural social order as will restore to men, to all men, that equality of opportunity, that equal right of use and enjoyment of God's gifts in external nature, which constitutes the natural right of every member of the human family born into the world. Mr. Clipsham's position implies a denial of man's natural right to life, for there can be no such right if there is only a purchasable right to the means by which life can alone be sustained; and such is the condition in our present social arrangements, in defence of which Mr. Clipsham stands. Henry George and all who advocate his method, and a great many more who do not advocate his method, declare this condition to be immoral, and none the less so though it be sanctioned by a thousand legal forms and hallowed by a thousand years of prescription and vested rights, and that it should be altered. The Georgian proposal is to alter it by the appropriation to public uses, as may be required, and as may be effected with the least possible social disturbance or personal hardship, the whole of that value accruing to land by the increase and needs of the community, and apart altogether from the industry and effort of the land-owner, and which has so long and improperly flowed into channels of private wealth. Our ideal is to every man his own, the fruit of his own labour; to the community that product of value which the community alone creates; to the individual the product which is yielded to his own industry. That looks to us like transparent honesty, Bible honesty. Mr. Clipsham declares that it is robbery, and that to claim the sanction of the Bible for this attempt to recover for the people their own in the land which God has given to them is to blaspheme the Holy Spirit. He accepts a brief to prove this, but he does not attempt the proof. Instead, he produces a number of amputated passages to show how Henry George regarded existing conditions, and that he would remedy them by the appropriation to public uses of rental values which are now regarded as private property. But no one ever had any doubt upon this point. Is Henry George's description of the present condition a true one, and will his method produce the alteration he claims? If so, then he is entitled to take rank with the most honoured of his race, and his movement is worthy the support of all who love their kind. If not, let it be shown. Your correspondent knows that Henry George is claiming to recover for men that of which the bulk of them have been improperly deprived. Why does he not try to show that George is wrong that men never possessed the natural rights which he claims for them; or that they have never been deprived of them; or that the Georgian method will not restore them? Is it because he cannot? It will not surely be pretended that he has attempted to do it. But having unloaded himself of his quotations, which certainly do not in any degree prove the immorality of the single tax, but do contain a strong characterisation of the immorality of the present landowning system, of which he is the advocate, and point out the remedy, Mr. Clipsham waves his flag and exultantly claims that the quotations show that "Mr. George and Mr. Beale would take for State purposes the whole rental and selling value of all privately-owned land, and without compensating the lawful owner." But "Mr. George and Mr. Beale" have all along insisted that the lawful, i.e., the rightful, owner of the rental and selling value of land, apart from improvements effected by individual industry and effort, is the community, whose presence and needs create that value. If it were created by the individual it would belong to him; but as he did not and cannot create it, nor add to it, he surely can set up no valid claim to it, nor for compensation for what was never justly his.

For the information of an imaginary audience of "farmers and other owners of land," Mr. Clipsham constructs an image of the single tax as viewed from the "Australian standpoint," and after touching up this "concrete" figure with such features as "political ledgerdemain," "crafty and unjust process," and other transforming strokes, he appeals in tones in which moral indignation and pitiful sorrow finely blend, "Now, is this Mr. Beale's conception of justice?" and one hardly has the heart to disappoint the hope that seems to linger. But if he will ask me whether Henry George's principles, ideals, and methods, as exhibited and expounded by Henry George himself, and without Mr. Clipsham's revisions and annotations, satisfy my conception of justice, I am bound, at the risk of whatever shock it may inflict upon Mr. Clipsham, to reply without hesitation or misgiving that they do. But, without waiting for a reply, Mr. Clipsham fires at me another question which seems intended to mean the same thing, and to press me into a still tighter corner. Has Mr. Beale's "moral perspective become so broken and twisted that he cannot see that to take away from a man against his will that which is his is robbery? And is preaching robbery under the name of single tax consistent with the teaching of the Bible?" Now, I hasten to assure Mr. Clipsham that for a fairly hardy specimen of the common garden variety my "moral perspective" is, I believe, in a healthy state. It ought to be up to standard, for it has had the advantage of the nurturing and moulding influence of a long and intimate association with Mr. Clipsham; and I am not conscious of any such violent and disastrous damage to it as he seems to apprehend. Moreover, I perfectly agree with him that to take from a man against his will is robbery, and that to preach robbery under the name of single tax or anything else is inconsistent with the teaching of the Bible. But Mr. Clipsham here shows the pitfall into which he has stumbled. He will agree with me that robbery is the taking or withholding from another of that which rightfully belongs to him. I use the word "rightfully" and not legally, for we are discussing not legal rights, but moral rights; and "legally" and "rightfully" are not the same thing. Men legally and for long years held slaves as chattels, but not rightfully. It was never wrong for a slave to commit legal theft against his owner by escaping, nor for anyone to aid and abet him and offer him refuge. Now, Mr. Clipsham and those for whom he speaks must rest their case either upon human law or upon moral law. If land is rightfully exclusive private property because made such by human law, then he cannot charge those who are seeking to change that law with advocating robbery; for no one is seeking to break the law, but to change it. But if he says that to so change the law would be robbery, then he must show that property rights in land exist irrespective of human law, and rest on moral grounds. This, however, no one seriously affirms. All authorities agree that private property in land rests only on human enactment; and to alter this cannot be robbery or immoral. Equally clear is it, were there space to show it, that the equal, original, and natural rights and relations of men to the soil are guarded by moral sanctions, and cannot be set aside or ruled out by legal enactments.

Mr. Clipsham thinks very highly of the word "confiscate," and employs it frequently and with evident interest and satisfaction to describe the single tax "robbery." To be able to affix to Henry George and his followers the crime of confiscation is to make an end of all controversy as to the enormity of the outrage they propose. But in giving to this word such a bad moral character he does it an injustice. It simply means making forfeit, and taking and appropriating for public uses. Its most common use in legal phrase is to describe the recovery of an object from a person wrongly in possession. All taxation is confiscation. The municipal body under which Mr. Clipsham lives has confiscated the annual rent and selling price of his land, I think, to the tune of 3½d in the £ on its capital value. I do not know whether his election to the council of the Property Owners' Defence Association means that he regards this rate on his land as robbery, and is going to demand compensation for the loss of the rental and selling value he has hitherto enjoyed. But it is certainly confiscation, and as truly "robbery" as Henry George's proposals are, whilst it does not carry with it the alleviations and compensations which are a vital part of the Henry George policy.

One hesitates to characterise Mr. Clipsham's declarations that "before a Methodist minister of ordinary intelligence and information can adopt the theory of single tax he must have gone back on the beliefs and experiences of a lifetime," and that "the acceptance of Henry George means the dishonour of Jesus Christ"; but one wonders to what lengths a man will go who will permit himself to speak in such terms of the great and growing body of Christian ministers and Christian men of all churches the wide world over who are convinced and admiring disciples of Henry George. And one is constrained to ask who is this accuser of his brethren; and by what special qualification of knowledge, character, or spiritual discernment does he claim the right to brand with disloyalty to Jesus Christ, lack of sympathy with Scripture truth, and moral degeneracy, men who in these respects are in no degree his inferiors; and who, if they were, are not discussing with him their personal merits nor his, but the merits of a large public question, on which it is commonly understood men may hold opposite opinions. One feels it impossible to silence the misgiving as to the utility of controversy with a man whose inveterate and bitter prejudices seem to render him incapable of the ordinary charities which should govern such controversy.

I am, etc.,
W. H. BEALE.
Sept. 26.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed. S.M.H.]

EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In Wednesday's issue, your correspondent "Retailer," dealing with the Saturday half holiday moevment, makes some remarks apropos of the above. At a meeting on September 24 I moved the following resolution:—"That all dealers in tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, etc., be placed under the provisions of the Early Closing Act, so as to close their businesses at 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, with the usual option as to Saturday and Wednesday half holiday."

As your correspondent states, we have not so far benefited by the E. C. Act, for the reason that, at its origin, the trade opposed our inclusion, on the ground that unfair and illicit competition on the part of hotel, refreshment, and other exempt businesses holding tobacco licenses, would be difficult to prevent, and result in an increasing diversion of our trade to those who kept our goods as a side line. The fact that hotels could be made to observe the restriction was not argued, in view of the feeling expressed that a person should not be prevented, when asked to "have another," from taking a cigar in lieu if he felt that his reputation for sobriety was at stake.

I think it must be conceded that that person's inability to refuse to partake should not stand in the way of some hundreds of us having some 20 hours more freedom per week, especially as even then our hours of business would be 67 per week. There would be evasions, of course. Was ever a law in which there was not? But proper administration, which it would be our duty and interest to see enforced, would, I am convinced, reduce that evil to microscopic proportions, and, I would ask our opponents, do they think the grocers would now revert to late closing because they have had considerable trouble and annoyance in respect of the same evasions on the part of the cooked provision shops? I should be happy to decide my proposition on their answer.

The next objection is the old one of loss of suburban business in favour of the city. Seeing that we propose to close at 8 p.m., can our opponents claim the same strength for that argument as was done 10 years ago by those who were compelled to close at 6 p.m? Allowing that smoking to the smoker is a necessity, is it more a necessity than bread and butter? Yet those shops were closed. I am sure that our opponents, after careful and mature consideration, will see there is a good deal of the bogey about that loss of business. We expect, and find, our clients able to get into our saloons by 7.30 p.m., and most men are away from the city in plenty of time to patronise our shops before 8 p.m. Custom and the ability to do so are alone responsible for the neglect of their requirements until 10 or 11 p.m.

In respect to the universal Saturday half holiday movement (which, by the way, will not be universal), the retail tobacconist, whilst in sympathy perhaps, can only, so far as he is concerned, look on with wistful eyes. Ninety-five per cent. of us are hairdressers and tobacconists; 80 per cent. of us only manage to exist by reason of that combination. Close our saloons at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and our earnings will be reduced below the margin of a living wage. How many men could find time to get shaved on Saturday morning? Oh, but you could work until 10 p.m. on Friday! Yes, and what a scrubby lot mankind would look on Sunday morning. However, they would take to shaving themselves, and ignore our striped fronts until the boys whispered "Kubelik." We want a half-holiday, if possible with no option, but not Saturday.

I am, etc.,
E. BRADBURY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The proceedings of a society in promotion of a universal Saturday half-holiday were recently reported in your columns. Economically, from the point of view both of business and of health, such a holiday is essential to shopkeepers and their employees. The present holiday arrangements—part Wednesday and part Saturday—are bad and do harm. They dislocate business, and offer, on the Wednesday, a relaxation which gives little advantage to anyone.

The promoters of the movement, however, fail wholly to appreciate one condition of the change they propose, for, whilst they would shift the half-holiday for all from Wednesday to Saturday, they would still continue the present injustice of a working day of 14 hours in every week, merely transferring it from Saturday to Friday. This is not reform, and we want reform. It is a grievous wrong in any community, more especially in ours, which prides itself upon rational and just labour conditions, that any person should be required to work such hours as are represented by a day when shops can be kept open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. There is no defence of this practice, and it should be rendered illegal without loss of time.

Our shop workers would then have a lot more nearly approaching the labour ideal—and the labour fact in the majority of cases under other labour conditions—and I venture to suggest to the supporters of the universal half-holiday movement that they add this item to their propaganda, and secure legislation to give it immediate effect, so that we have no working day longer than from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in addition to a universal half-holiday on Saturdays.

I am, etc.,
EMPLOYER.
October 1.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF CHARITIES.

The Premier stated on Saturday that the Government had decided to have a medical man to fill the position of Inspector-General of Charities. In pursuance of that determination it has been decided to appoint Dr. Paton, Government medical officer, to the office now occupied by Mr. G. E. Brodie, who will be transferred from the office of Inspector-General of Charities to the Taxation Department, and will act as Chief Commissioner of Taxation during the absence of Mr. Spiller, who has gone away on five months' leave of absence.

A CURIOUS CRICKET MATCH.

SURREY'S NEW FAST BOWLER.

The match between Kent and Surrey at the Oval, which ended in the defeat of Kent by an innings and 218 runs, will rank not only as the most singular match of the season, but as one of the most remarkable games ever played (says "Pall Mall Gazette"). That Kent should score only 111 and 103 on a pitch on which Surrey made 532 for seven wickets at the rate of nearly 100 an hour is indeed a "curiosity of cricket." Yet the cause of Kent's first innings failure was due to a particular form of bad batting, while their second failure was directly due to good bowling of the very type likely to get a side of Kent's methods out.

Kent, as every one knows, are a brilliant batting side with a predilection for off-side strokes. Such a side can rarely play for a draw with success, and must indeed play their natural game. Hitch deserved his great success, and if he can often bowl in the same way he may yet be ranked amongst the really great fast bowlers. Hitch has long puzzled good judges as to his real merits, and he appears at last to be on the way towards justifying the confidence in his powers which the Surrey committee and Hayward (on whose recommendation he was engaged at the Oval) have felt.

The moral effect of the situation was, of course, all against Kent. It is rather curious that Surrey's two successes over Kent since 1890 should each have been by an innings, the victory of last year being by an innings and 13 runs. Yesterday's margin flatters Surrey, and does not do the real abilities of Kent justice. That almost goes without saying. In all, 15 of the Kent wickets fell to catches behind the wicket—a most remarkable and significant fact.

TUNCURRY.

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BIRTHS.

HUXHAM.—September 10, 1908, at Wellington, N.Z., to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huxham (nee Molison)—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BATT—DAWSON.—September 1, at St. James's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. W. I. Carr-Smith, Edmund Compton to Isabella, widow of the late Thomas Carr Dawson.

DEATHS.

BAYLEY.—October 5, at Leicester House, Burwood, Edith, fourth daughter of the late Marshall Bayley. Interred at Enfield.

DIXON.—October 4, 1908, at his late residence, Roslyn Villa, Sarah-street, Paddington, Thomas Dixon, J.P., Undertaker, aged 82 years. R.I.P.

WESTGARTH.—October 5, 1908, at his residence, St. Helens, Campbelltown, George Charles Westgarth.

WHITE.—October 4, at her residence, 40 Glenmore-road, Paddington, Mary Anne White, aged 62 years, formerly of Consett, Durham, England. By request, no flowers.

IN MEMORIAM.

ACKGOOD.—In ever fond and loving memory of my darling son and only child, Reuben George, who departed this life October 6, 1900, age 20 years 7 months.

No one knows how much I miss him,
Friends may think the wound is healed.
For they cannot feel the sorrow,
Deep within my heart concealed.
Not dead to me, I loved him dear,
Not lost, but gone before;
He lives with me in memory still,
And will for evermore.

Inserted by his fond and loving mother, Lillian Hope.

BAXTER.—In sacred memory of my dear husband, William George, who died October 6, 1907. Inserted by his sorrowing wife and children.

BAXTER.—In loving memory of William Baxter, who died October 6, 1907. Inserted by his loving mother, brothers, and sisters.

BEANS.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Peter Beans, who departed this life October 6, 1901, at Prince Alfred Hospital, aged 62 years.

Rest on, dear father; I would not awake thee,
For fear care and sorrow would darken thy brow.
How sweet is thy rest with the birds warbling o'er thee;
No more of life's troubles shall harm thee now.

Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Eleanor and John Barnett, and granddaughter, Violet May Johns, late of Jamberoo.

DE STERKE.—In faithful memory of our old comrade, Samuel De Sterke, who died October 6, 1907. Inserted by his comrades, the Female Staff, Coast Hospital.

FOSTER.—A tribute of everlasting love to the memory of our dear daughter Bella, who departed this life October 6, 1906.

We cannot clasp your hand, dear Bella,
Nor your dear face can see;
But let this little token show
We still remember thee.

Inserted by her sorrowing parents and loving brother and sisters, Jim, Agnes, Lizzie, Sarah, and Florrie.

GORMAN.—In loving remembrance of our dear beloved son, Frederick Charles Edward Gorman, who departed this life October 5, 1905. Inserted by his loving sister, Minnie, and brother, William, mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gorman.

When God called him away that day
Our hearts felt sad and chilled;
The vacant place he left that day
Can never more be filled.

GRAY.—In loving memory of my dear daughter, Emmeline Australia, who departed this life October 4, 1902. Inserted by her loving mother, M. Ashcroft, and children, R. and D. Gray.

HORN.—In loving memory of William Louis Ebradt, who departed this life October 6, 1907, at his late residence, 1 Union-street, Waterloo. His memory lives to those who knew his worth. Inserted by his loving children.

HORN.—In loving memory of our dear father, William Louis Ebradt, who departed this life October 6, 1907. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Graff.

HUGGETT.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband and father, William Huggett, who died suddenly, October 6th, 1906. Inserted by his loving wife, son, and daughters, Marian, Sydney, Lily, and Ethel Huggett.

HUGGETT.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, William Huggett, who died suddenly, October 6th, 1906. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Edith and John Reilly.

JOHANSON.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Florence Johanson, who departed this life October 6, 1907, aged 22 years. Inserted by her loving husband, parents, sisters, and brothers. Sadly missed.

KINKADE.—A loving tribute to the memory of my dear husband and our father, William Kinkade, who departed this life October 6th, 1903. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

KINKADE.—In loving memory of our dear father, William Kinkade, who departed this life October 6, 1903. Inserted by his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Emily Kinkade.

PORITTIE.—In affectionate remembrance of my dear husband, Thomas Porittie, who departed this life October 4, 1902. Inserted by his wife, E. Porittie.

STEAD.—In fond and loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Charles Stead, who departed this life October 6, 1901. Inserted by his loving wife and family. Loved by all who knew him.

TIETJEN.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear husband, Henry Rudolph (Harry) and our darling father, who was accidentally killed at Mosman, October 6, 1907, aged 37 years.

He left his home in perfect health,
Never thinking death was near,
Not dreaming that he never would
Return to his home so dear.

Inserted by his sorrowful wife and children, Minna and Freddie.

TIETJEN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, Henry Rudolph (Harry), who was accidentally killed by the tram at Mosman, October 6, 1907, aged 37 years.

A painful shock, a dreadful blow;
Oh, Harry, dear, we miss you so.
Our loss is great that we sustain,
But trust in God to meet again.

Inserted by his sorrowing parents.

TIETJEN.—A tribute of love to the memory of our dear brother, Harry, who was accidentally killed at Mosman, October 6, 1907. Inserted by his affectionate brother and sister-in-law, Frederick and Ella Tietjen.

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Should there be candidates in remote places, it is probable that examinations will also be held at other centres. Due notice of this will be given. The list of subjects for examination may be learned from circulars obtainable at abovementioned schools or on application at this office.

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On October 10 the "Sydney Mail" Annual for 1908 will be published. It is a superb production. There are stories, literary sketches, and poems, but the issue is chiefly conspicuous for its magnificent pictures. It aims at reflecting some of the brighter phases of life in the Commonwealth. It shows a clear advance upon the predecessors that have borne the same title. There are between 30 and 40 strikingly beautiful pages. The Annual serves exclusively neither the city nor the country: its field is the wide expanse of the whole of Australia, with particular attention to New South Wales.

No one abroad could look through its pages without appreciating the beauty of the Commonwealth, and the exuberance of Australian spirit. It breaks right away from the dismal broodings that have harmed Australia in the past. It does not admit that the Real Australia is to be found in isolated dry parts of the various States, nor that the public is interested only in the sensational and the remote—it gathers its pictures from near and far, with no desire than to exhibit Australia as it appears to the clear and healthy eye. The result is that the charming and inspiriting command the issue. No better advertisement of the natural beauties of Australia has ever been published. Never before has the environment in which the Australian passes his life been so faithfully depicted. Whether it be on the coast, on the farm, or the cattle station, in the sheep paddocks, in the semi-tropical Queensland garden, along river banks, or in the mysterious passages of limestone caves—here is the Australian caught unawares at work and play. The issue (with a large presentation picture for framing) is published for Sixpence, and it is with confidence that it is submitted to the public. The postage for the Commonwealth and New Zealand is 1d; abroad, 3½d.

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THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN PICTURES.

READY TO-MORROW.

The current issue of the SYDNEY MAIL deals with the principal topics of the week, and is a splendid all-round number. Art, music, sport, and industry are all prominently treated. Three pages are devoted to the great Spring carnival of the A.J.C. at Randwick. The crowds on the lawn, the tea-parties under the pines, the finishes in the Derby and the Epsom, the equine heroes of the opening day—all these subjects have been worthily treated by our photographers. A notable picture (well worth framing), depicting a farm scene at Jamberoo, occupies the Double Page, while on the front page is another charming South Coast rural view. Those interested in Australian art will welcome the reproduction of several important paintings recently executed by prominent artists. Madame Ada Crossley figures most impressingly in a full page. A series of sketches illustrative of "The Merry Widow" includes a portrait of Miss Carrie Moore (Mrs. Bigwood), whose marriage the other day caused a stir in theatrical circles. The widening of the wheat belt in New South Wales is illustrated by a couple of fine pictures, and other country subjects include the Queanbeyan Show and the Jeir Estate. The Eight-hour Procession is also well illustrated.

SOME OF THE FEATURES.

THE GREAT CARNIVAL AT RANDWICK—Three Pages.
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THE BALKAN CRISIS.

Events have been travelling fast in the Balkans since the last week in September. When Bulgaria, taking advantage of a short-lived strike, seized the sections of the Orient railway in her territory, and claimed a portion of the profits paid to Turkey, European diplomacy at first stood amazed at the outrage, and then looked round for the hidden motive power that was driving Bulgaria on what looked like a purposelessly headlong course. The act was meaningless in itself, but it seemed to reveal secret fires that might in a flash set the Balkans in a blaze. We have come very near that now, and if conflagration is avoided it will only be because the Balkans are destined to smoulder eternally to suit the seasaw of Russian, German, and Austrian interests. But Bulgaria has been acting as though she felt pretty sure of her ground, and her decisive step, at any rate, reveals the hand on which she relies. The seizure of the railway was sufficiently dramatic, but to some extent, at least, it missed fire. Diplomatic denunciation was too unanimous. It was seen that the position was too acute to palter with. Formal protests came from Great Britain and Germany, and Austria-Hungary and Russia suggested a way out by arbitration among the signatories to the Berlin treaty. All this was very well, but it left out one or two significant considerations. One was that if Bulgaria were bent on provoking a quarrel she need not hesitate to take another step that would be irrevocable; and another was that the protestations of the Powers might have been appraised by a well-informed Bulgarian Minister at their true worth. The long arm which has been stretching so persistently from the Baltic to the Black Sea may have been pretty distinctly visible in the disaffected provinces. If this was so it explains how little Turkey's willingness to arbitrate, and her new zeal for constitutional methods, could count for in the game.

Bulgaria, in fact, has made one move after another with the swift certainty of a mind made up. Without waste of a day she confirmed the seizure of the railway, made demands for the full diplomatic recognition of her representative at Constantinople, resuscitated her military manoeuvres in Eastern Roumelia, which it was understood would not be held this year, arranged a brilliant reception for Prince Ferdinand at Buda-Pesth, hurried on the purchase of remounts, and allowed some of her "indiscreet" foreign agents to express their "personal" opinion, that the time was ripe for independence. One steady driving force acting in one direction was clearly behind all this. The only question was, would the concert of Europe sit still while Bulgaria made the music. It seems that it has sat still a little too long. We now hear that Bulgaria has proclaimed her independence, and almost simultaneously Austria-Hungary is to formally annex the two Turkish provinces which de facto she has long held; and, in addition, no doubt, that long coveted little strip of eligible railway land, Novibazar. The matter has gone too far now to be smoothed over with a few diplomatic assurances; and a false step will see the Balkans in a blaze. European intervention, of course, could still prop up Turkey, as that ill-fated Empire has been propped up so often before; but the really significant thing is, that Germany, though viewing the position with the utmost aversion, is not in a position to directly oppose her Austrian ally. Even Italy cares only for her own hand; and Russia, whose diplomacy in the Near East has latterly been rather at a discount, will naturally seize the chance to make fresh headway. It is obvious that we have here all the elements for that conflict which has been threatening for decades; but only those who know nothing of Balkan diplomacy will venture to prophecy whether the next few weeks will bring war or peace.

AUSTRALIAN BUTTER ABROAD.

The remarks of the general manager of the Coastal Farmers' Co-operative Society on his return from a tour of investigation into the methods of marketing our butter abroad are highly suggestive from more than one point of view. The State has so much at stake at present, and, in common with the rest of Australia, is likely to have in the future still more at stake in the dairying industry, that the disposal of our products in the principal oversea markets is a prime consideration. Mr. Meares' mission, if we have understood him aright, was to inquire whether the co-operative principle which has produced such great results for the industry here could not be extended to London, and thus ensure a beneficial cover for the product from the time it leaves the farm until it ultimately reaches the hands of the British distributer. That has been the order of development in the case of the Danish dairy industry, which has furnished the model of technical efficiency and co-operative commercial organisation for the rest of the dairying world. But while Denmark has now been able to carry the co-operative principle the whole length in regard to her foreign marketing, it does not necessarily follow that Australian producers can safely do likewise. Denmark's dairies happen to be practically as near the markets of her principal foreign customers as Sydney is to Melbourne, and distance counts for much. Nevertheless, Mr. Meares allows it to be understood that the co-operative agencies which he represented will make an endeavour to cut out the Tooley-street brokers, and also, apparently, the wholesalers, and "advance direct sale to the retailers." It will remain to be seen whether it will be possible to go quite so far as this with advantage to the industry. The London commercial world, like the London financial world, is (as borrowing countries have proved in the latter instance), a very conservative place, and the innovator must always expect to meet with an opposition always powerful, and often irresistible. And while this may not be a reason why reforms in the marketing of our dairy produce should not be attempted, it is a reason why every step away from the established system should be firmly planted before the next is attempted.

The chief thing to be avoided is the rousing of the collective hostility of all the powerful interests which to-day are handling the butter imports to British markets, other than those possibly from Denmark. We do not want to have all these interests working to the prejudice of our product. To a certain extent the strong position which Australia holds in relation to the British butter market at one period of the year would modify any hostile influence which Tooley-street might choose to exert; but the Australian dairy co-operator should not want to make commercial enemies unless it can be proved to him that those enemies are powerless to injure him. We do not say this to discourage attempts to bring the oversea market under a wholesome control, but to indicate the need for caution. When, however, we come to contemplate the success of the co-operative principle as applied to Australian butter manufacture, and, in large measure, to local marketing, the belief that it is capable of still wider application is not without its justification. The dairying industry, indeed, is one classic example of the benefits of co-operation intelligently applied in suitable directions. In this State, at least, the proprietary factory has almost entirely disappeared, leaving the field clear to factories owned and controlled by the cream suppliers. The co-operative invasion of Sussex-street was a later development, and although the co-operative selling society does not handle the output of all the co-operative factories—nor is it perhaps desirable that it should—it handles enough to enable it to exercise a controlling influence on the local market in the interests of producers. It is probably too much to hope that, even under the most favourable circumstances, equal influence could be exerted on the immensely larger market of London; but if all the co-operative forces of the exporting States of the Commonwealth, along with New Zealand, could be brought within the scope of the one scheme of control, as Mr. Meares suggests as a possibility, there is no doubt they must have an appreciable effect.

GERMAN COKE.

The old paradox about carrying coals to Newcastle is pretty nearly paralleled when we read of extensive importations of German coke into New South Wales. With a superabundance of excellent coal available at the pit's mouth at a few shillings a ton, it seems impossible that it should pay to send coke here all the way from Europe. But it does not look so impossible when we realise what a wide margin there is between the price of the local coke and the cost of the local coal. Coke-making should not be a very expensive undertaking, and one would think that this margin would stand some narrowing before it was necessary to begin an agitation for a higher impost on the imported article. This is not one of those industries that demand immense outlay of capital, and have then to face the dangers of a restricted or fluctuating market. We are, of course, wide awake to the need for encouraging local production in every possible way, but it is plain we are now repeating the universal experience of bounty-fed and protection-reared industries. The very fact that protection is forthcoming, and that stringent selection is thus averted, tends to check the development of an industry to the best economic advantage; and the tendency always is to rub along with rough and ready methods, while the margin of profit remains. This is so true that high duties are proverbially a mistaken kindness, and we should look with some suspicion on claims that are put forward for them. So far as this German coke is concerned the influx is, of course, likely to be merely temporary. It is made possible by the fact that German boats coming for homeward wheat freights can afford to carry coke outward at an insignificant figure; and German enterprise is keen enough to take swift advantage of the situation.

The incident, however, is a great and useful object-lesson in German industrial methods. The local coke has to be sold at a price which covers the cost of coal and manufacture, and leave a profit. It is safe to say that in the case of the German coke all this cost has been met by the utilisation of by-products. The coke-oven gas, to begin with, is an inferior coal gas, for which none the less a market may be found near the works if these are happily placed. But even if the works are self-contained we may take it that in the German dictionary of technical practice there is no such word as waste. German engineers have been foremost in devising plant for fuel treatment. It is said that nothing is more surprising than to visit a German colliery and find no trace of smoke and dirt from the ovens and chimneys; but gardens, fresh and bright, growing up to the very walls of the coking plant. Great improvements have been made in the coke ovens themselves, yielding a product much more suitable for the blast furnace than gasworks' coke. In the modern ovens the heat required is obtained without using any of the coke itself by using about half the gas produced, the other half being available for power and lighting plants. The recovery of by-products has become a fine art, which owes its development almost wholly to German technical skill. The gases evolved are deprived of their tars, oils, and ammonia compounds by passing through suitable scrubbers, and then not only supply the heat for the coke ovens but also heat the boilers required in the treatment of the recovered by-products. Moreover, manufacturers specialise into coke for metallurgical, railway, and domestic use, and especially as regards the latter there is a considerable trade with America. The recovery plants have been raised to an extraordinary state of efficiency. The coal is also specially prepared for coking. There is probably no better example of the thoroughness of German technical methods, and the result is what we see. So far as our own industry is concerned, it ought to reach gigantic proportions, more particularly as the demand for smokeless fuels increases; but we shall best help it by imitating German methods.

THE CAPITAL BALLOT.

Sir William Lyne told the people of Albury the other day that in view of the coming ballot they had better advocate their claims for all they are worth, and this is advice that, with the name changed, will doubtless be acted on by those interested in each of the eleven sites which will once more come to the vote. With such a list to select from, including more than one place whose suitability is beyond dispute, the deadlock resulting from the attempt to force Dalgety as the site should be soon ended, provided that one condition is fulfilled. That condition, of course, is that there must be a fair and unprejudiced ballot. The method of ballot to be adopted leaves, of course, a good deal to be desired. It leaves the way open to intrigue, and the pitting of one set of site supporters against another, with the result that, in the end a minority verdict is reached. Given astuteness on the part of a few men by no means lacking in that quality we may well find the result disappointing. We admit the difficulty of devising a form of ballot which shall ensure a majority decision. There is much to be said for a preferential ballot, and this perhaps would have been the best to adopt. But even this is open to abuse. The trouble, of course, is twofold. We cannot rely on the supporters of individual sites to sink their individual differences, and when they find their own case helpless to cast a genuine vote for what they consider the best remaining site. And it is to be feared we cannot rely too much on the earnest desire of Mr. Deakin to reach a final settlement. There are so many towns in the initial list that it is clear none of them will have a decisive majority over the rest at the first count, and it is only too plain that every step will be set with pitfalls.

At the same time, the ballot nominally reopens the whole question, and it will be well if it does so in reality. Why should the choice be narrowed to the little corner of the State on which all eyes have been lately fixed. So far as New South Wales is concerned, Canberra has already been indicated as an acceptable compromise. But when we consider the interests of Australia as a whole, there is a great deal to be said for a more northern site. Certainly there is everything to be said against Dalgety, which is still placed at the head of the list, in defiance of the alphabet. Whatever the ballot does it will only reaffirm the choice of Dalgety, in view of the clearly enunciated views of this State, if there is a determination to reduce the whole proceedings to farce, or if intrigue triumphs over justice and commonsense. But although the House of Representatives does not enjoy the high repute ardent Federalists prophesied for it, it is hard to believe that it will willingly draw upon itself the indignation which would be evoked by a ballot notoriously ineffective. Whatever is the case with Parliament, the people of Australia are heartily tired of seeing the capital site bandied about like a shuttlecock between political cliques; and their demand for a final settlement that shall be honourable to the Commonwealth will only be disregarded at imminent peril to the legislator who is found to flout public opinion. But no battle is lost until it has been won, and though members themselves seem to take rather a pessimistic view of the utilities of the ballot, it may be that the House will surprise us by rising to what really is a great occasion.

Labour's Holiday.—Though a considerable amount of dust was in evidence about the city yesterday, there was nothing else to mar the celebration of Eight-hour Day. Dawn gave every indication of a repetition of Sunday's summer temperature, but after 10 o'clock a cool breeze set in, and continued for the remainder of the day. The sky was scarcely flecked by a cloud; and, in fact, the day was all that could be desired for the annual festival of the members of various trades, who were once more commemorating the important concession secured by them years ago in regard to their hours of work. As far as they were concerned, the procession through the city, followed by the reunion and sports on the Royal Agricultural Society's Grounds overshadowed all other events on the day's programme, and upon these all their energies were centred. The thoroughfares along which the united workers passed in such imposing array were lined with spectators from four to six deep in some places, and the patronage accorded by the public to the entertainment provided at the Agricultural Grounds was quite as satisfactory as at former gatherings. The second day at Randwick of the A.J.C. meeting also attracted thousands of people, and in the bright sunshine the lawn looked at its best, the rich summer costumes of the ladies giving a picturesque effect to the scene. The harbour excursions were numerous, and also attracted the usual crowd of holiday-makers, and at Bondi, Coogee, and other popular resorts along the seaboard hundreds of families spent a pleasant day, returning to town invigorated by the sea breeze. Those who cared for cricket and other forms of athletic competition were afforded ample avenues of enjoyment, and a considerable number of city and suburban residents made the most of the opportunity offered by the Railway Commissioners for a few hours' run into the country. In the evening all the theatres and other places of amusement were crowded.

The Budget Debate.—The Government having taken Tuesday night after 6 o'clock for public business in the Legislative Assembly, the Budget debate will be resumed as soon as the House reassembles after the dinner adjournment this evening. The Auditor-General incident is sure to be given prominence, especially from the Opposition benches, and Mr. Waddell will take an opportunity later in the week to make a further reply to his critics. It is probable that the debate will occupy the three sitting nights of this week, and most likely a long sitting on Thursday will be necessary to conclude it.

Consular Representatives.—A wrong idea seems to prevail amongst the people of Sydney as to the rights and privileges (if any) of consular representatives (writes Mr. E. Vickery). For instance, the Consuls have been described as representatives of foreign Powers. Nothing could be more erroneous, as anyone could ascertain by reference to any standard work on international law. In days gone by the Consuls took upon themselves privileges which would not be accorded to them in a country like France, and even took the position that they should rank as diplomatic representatives, which undoubtedly would give them the right of private entree to the sovereign of a State. Some two years ago there was published a note, addressed to the Governor-General and the State Governors from the Colonial Office upon the right of private entree. In very plain language it set forth that when Consuls attend any function given by the Governor-General or the Governor they do so as private citizens, and not because of any right or privilege.

An Incident at Yesterday's Sports.—In connection with yesterday's sports at the Agricultural Grounds, an amusing incident which might have been attended with serious results took place. One of the items on the programme was an event styled "Dusting the Bellman." In this game there are several performers who are blindfolded, and provided with bags of coloured powder of various tints. There is also a bellman placed in their midst. When he rings he attracts the varied-coloured chalk performers, who at once rush to the spot from whence the sound comes. In their endeavour to hit him they often hit each other, with the result that before long the various contestants assume a hue of many colours. Judging by the accuracy with which some of the competitors dusted each other and the bellman, they must have had very thin protection over their eyes. It was while the contestants were thus chasing each other and the bellman that a policeman, thinking it was a fight, hastened to see what was the matter. This became apparent to him very soon, for all immediately turned their attention to the guardian of the law, whom they pelted so severely with red, green, blue, white, yellow, pink, and other powders that he looked like a specimen of some cannibal tribe.

Meat Supply of Bathurst.—At the last meeting of the Board of Health attention was drawn to certain matters in connection with slaughter-houses in the neighbourhood of Bathurst, and to the need for the abolition of private slaughter-houses in that district, as well as for the establishment of a public abattoir. It was pointed out that under existing circumstances systematic, regular, and effective inspection of the meat sold in Bathurst was practically impossible, as indeed it is in many other country districts for similar reasons. The opinion of the Board of Health was, first, that public slaughter-houses controlled by the local governing body, and not by private individuals, should be erected in every such district; and secondly, that such a slaughter-house, if designed and built with due regard to the probable income which could be derived from slaughtering fees, could certainly be made to pay its way. Under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act power is given to municipal councils to erect slaughter-houses outside their districts, but similar power is not included in the Local Government Act; consequently financial difficulties arise. It seems to be thought that municipalities like Bathurst cannot in combination with their adjacent shire erect a public slaughter-house, which must almost necessarily be either within the shire or within the municipality, and each bear their proportion of the cost. This is a serious omission, but in the case of towns as large as Bathurst it is not necessarily fatal to the desired scheme. Should the municipal council construct an abattoir, it could prevent the sale of meat within its district which had been slaughtered elsewhere.

Strange Bedfellows.—One does not usually connect stoves with pianos, but apparently they are much the same in the making. At least, in yesterday's procession of trades-unions, No. 19 on the list was the Stovemakers and Piano Frame Moulders."

Wait for Me.—During the Eight-hour procession yesterday, the tail of the Wharf Labourers' contingent going up Park-street had, for some reason, to go almost at the double in order to keep up. As they hung on for dear life to the tail of the procession ahead, they left an ever-increasing gap behind them. It happened that one of the 15 bands—Paddington band—was the next in the line. It saw no reason for hurry. Curiously enough, as it came leisurely around the corner, it was playing to the vanishing wharf labourers, "Wait for Me."

China's Destiny.—China is reforming itself in patches and by leaps forward and rushes back (writes a correspondent from Hongkong). Recently a reform programme was issued from Peking, and apparently is genuine. It includes, within a basis of nine years, the wiping-away of distinction between Manchu and Chinaman, the reform of the finances, and the issuing of balance-sheets and budgets, the reform of the judicial system, the convening of a national assembly, the establishment of self-governing associations, and the promulgation of laws for Parliamentary election; laws controlling the press are already in existence. Unfortunately for China, but, perhaps, fortunately for the Manchus, there is no mention of a common language for this empire of innumerable dialects, and until that reform is accomplished many other reforms will be impossible. Yet, about the same time an edict was issued, suppressing the Political Society, which aims at constitutionalism, and which was regarded as favoured by Throne and people. This juggling with hopes may be clever; but it is dangerous. Large quantities of weapons and ammunition have been smuggled into the country during the last eighteen months, and the crops of revolts have shown that the revolutionary spirit is wide-awake, and only awaiting a chance to strike more or less effectively. Moreover, men like Dr. Sun Yat-sen are almost ideal leaders for revolutionary China, and once the Chinese discontents obtain good leaders, anything is possible. The mass are still hoping for real reform, if the bulk of the four hundred odd millions hope for anything but food and sleep and so much work. Upon two points, however, there appears to be little doubt that China is in earnest; the reformation and training of the army and the creation of a new navy. The latter is a matter of years, but the former is going on steadily, and the annual manoeuvres will enable the Powers to judge how far China has gained the goal of a modern army. Like most things in China, it is a question of first starting a movement, and then watching the slow gathering of force as the advance continues. The boycotts are splendid incentives to the growth of a national spirit; and to-day there is more union in China than there has probably ever been in the whole history of the unwieldy empire. China will not be another Japan, surging forth full-armed, but in her own good time she will be greater than ever Japan has been or will be.

Encore.—Despite repeated protest, an irresponsible section of nearly every concert audience at a star performance will insist upon the undue prolongation of the programme by encores and repeated encores. "Concertgoer" puts the pertinent question, "If some people want the extra numbers, why not encore at the end of the concert?" That, of course, would not affect the suburbanite, whose time has to be regulated by the running of trains and trams. "Concertgoer" further points out that he had to miss some numbers on the programme which he really wanted to hear because of these encores, and they resulted in selections that he did not care whether he missed or not. If this scheme were only practicable, it would certainly remove trouble. The correspondent contends that a concert should start at 8 o'clock, not 8.15, whether the vice-regal party has arrived or not. If it did, and the "encore" section did not have it all their own way, it would be possible to hear the whole of the programme, and catch the last train comfortably.

The Weather Conditions.—High temperatures ruled in the far western districts yesterday, the official readings of the thermometer including 96 degrees at Wilcannia, 94 at Wentworth, and 93 at Broken Hill, Hay, and Hillston. In the city the maximum temperature was 71.6—nearly nine degrees lower than that of the previous day. A strong southerly was blowing during the morning, and attained a velocity of 35 miles at 9.20 a.m., but in the afternoon the wind moderated and veered to the WSW. Not a single point of rain was reported, and smooth seas are running right along the coast.

A correspondent writes urging the need for the construction of the Cronulla tram. He says that the traffic has largely increased, and has quite outgrown existing provisions.

At a meeting of the residents of Sans Souci and the surrounding districts, held at Sandringham, attention was drawn to the existing unsatisfactory tram service on this line, and it was decided that a deputation should wait upon the Chief Commissioner with a view of obtaining a better service of trams between the hours of 6 and 9 a.m. and 4 and 7 p.m. week days, and between the hours of 12 and 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

VICTORIA'S SOBRIETY.

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION SUCCESSFUL.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Some particulars have been furnished by the Government Statist regarding the amount expended per head of the population in drink.

The average expenditure for the year ended 1906 was £3 5s; for the five years ended 1902, the amount was £3 18s 10s.

A comparison of the number of hotels in Victoria in 1885 and 1906, and the persons to each hotel, has been made. The year 1885 has been selected, because it was in that year that an important alteration was made in the liquor licensing laws, which, among other things, greatly restricted the issue of new licenses. In 1885 the population was 969,202, the number of hotels 4265, and the persons to each hotel 227. This year the population has increased by 292,387, and number of hotels has decreased by 979; while the number of persons to each hotel was 384.

During the period 1885-1906 the quantity and the proportion per head of alcoholic liquors consumed in Victoria greatly increased. After allowing for the increase of population, the fall between 1885 and 1906 in the quantities consumed represents a reduced consumption in the year 1906 of nearly half a million gallons of spirits, over five million gallons of beer, and 57,500 gallons of wine.

There has also been a very satisfactory decrease in the number of charges against persons arrested or summoned for drunkenness per 1000 of the population.

BURGLAR AND GROCER.

A COOL DESPERADO.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

James M'Call, a grocer, of Abbotsford-street, North Melbourne, reported to the police that at a quarter-past 5 a.m. he heard a noise while in bed.

Immediately afterwards a man entered the room with a revolver, and, pointing it at him, said: "I want your money and your jewellery. I have a wife and family to keep. You keep quiet."

M'Call said that all the money he had was in his trousers pocket. The man opened the drawers of the dressing table, but took nothing. He then took away the trousers, in the pocket of which was 20s. He walked backward towards the door, keeping the pistol levelled at M'Call, and vanished.

TO-DAY.

Ada Crossley Concert: Town Hall, 8.
Her Majesty's: "The Merry Widow," 7.45.
Theatre Royal: "Dorothy Vernon," 8.
Criterion Theatre: "The Belle of Mayfair," 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 7.30.
Palace Theatre: "Charlie's Aunt," 8.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 7.30.
Lyceum Theatre: Spencer's Theatrescope, 8.
Clay's Vaudeville: Balmain Town Hall, 8.
Haymarket Hippodrome: 8.
Zoological Gardens: 10.
Victoria Hall: American Picturescope, 8.
Queen's Hall: Burns-Squires Picture, 8.
Bijou Theatre: Moving Picture Palace, 8.
Oxford Hall: Vaudeville, 8.
Sydney Skating Rink: Prince Alfred Park, 10.
Glaciarium: Ice Skating, 10.
Figure Eight: Coogee, 3.
Wonderland City, Bondi: 10.
Y.M.C.A.: Mission to Men: 1.20 and 8.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S VISIT.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The statement cabled to the press on Saturday that President Roosevelt, in acknowledging to Mr. E. W. Howard, Councillor of the British Embassy at Washington, the receipt of the invitation from the Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin) to visit Australia, intimated that he could not accept it, is not regarded as conclusive by Federal Ministers. Up till this afternoon no direct reply had come from the retiring President, and Mr. Deakin thinks that if he had quite definitely made up his mind in the direction indicated one would have come to hand. The Prime Minister thinks that President Roosevelt still has the invitation under consideration.

VISIT OF THE FLEET.

The Prime Minister to-day received a budget of newspaper clippings regarding the visit of the United States fleet to Australia. The American papers dealt at great length with the festivities, and in several instances the reports ran into columns. Not only were movements of the fleet chronicled, but much information was given regarding Australia generally. In this way the visit of the warships has proved a splendid advertisement in America for Australia. A prominent American, writing privately to the Prime Minister from New York, says: "Splendid notices are given in all the American papers. The royal way the Americans' fleet has been received by Australia has made a profound impression on the public mind."

PERSONAL.

Sir William Lyne, Commonwealth Treasurer, left Sydney by last night's express for Melbourne.

Mr. James Martin Stuart, who was for many years the Crown Solicitor and Public Prosecutor of South Australia, died yesterday at Adelaide, aged 74 years.

Mr. George Charles Westgarth, of Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., solicitors, died yesterday at his residence, St. Helens, Campbelltown. Mr. Westgarth was highly respected in the profession. He was at one time in partnership with Mr. Alfred Cape, and subsequently joined the firm of Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co. Shortly after retiring from this firm he entered into partnership with Mr. Alfred Nathan. Mr. Westgarth was married twice. His first wife was a Miss Rodd, his second a daughter of the late Mr. George Allen Mansfield, the well-known architect. Mr. Westgarth leaves a widow, five sons, and four daughters.

Mr. William Edward Davey, journalist, formerly resident in Parramatta, and more latterly in Dubbo, died at his residence, Fisher-street, Petersham, on Sunday evening. Mr. Davey, who was 53 years of age, leaves a widow and five children—four sons and one daughter. He was a native of St. Leonards (now North Sydney), where his father, the late Mr. W. E. Davey (of the old Sydney firm of Davey and Hunter), was a member of the first municipal council under Mayor W. Tunks.

The remains of the late Mr. John Ellis Gowing were on Saturday laid at rest in the Church of England section of Rookwood Cemetery. Prior to reaching the burial ground a service was held at All Saints' Church, Petersham, at which the Rev. Luke Parr officiated. The interment was made in the presence of the relatives of the deceased, a large and representative gathering of the business community of the city, and members of the Prince Alfred Masonic Lodge, Petersham, of which deceased was a member. The Rev. R. E. Goddard officiated at the grave side. Subsequently the impressive Masonic service was conducted by the Wor. Master, Bro. J. Rickard.

Mr. Wm. Valentine Robinson, C.M.G., who long held conspicuous places on the staff of the Victorian Parliament, died yesterday, in his 72nd year. Born in Yorkshire in 1837, Mr. Robinson came to Victoria in October, 1861, as a young journalist, under an engagement to the proprietors of "The Argus." Six years later Mr. T. C. Hadly, Mr. Howard Willoughby, and himself, then all members of "The Argus" staff, founded the Victorian "Hansard," under contract with the Government. In 1889 Mr. Robinson gave up the "Hansard" to become a clerk of the Legislative Assembly; and when Sir Geo. H. Jenkins was promoted to be clerk of the Legislative Council and Clerk of Parliaments, Mr. Robinson succeeded to the Assembly clerkship, which position he held until 1902, when he reached the retiring age. Mr. Robinson is survived by his widow and a family of grown-up sons and daughters.

There are almost sure to be one or two changes in the New Zealand Ministry very shortly, writes our Wellington correspondent. It is but anticipating the official announcement to say that the Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Minister of Public Works and Railways, will leave the Dominion within a few weeks to take the position of High Commissioner in London, while report hath it that the Hon. James M'Gowan, Minister of Mines and Justice, will ere long relinquish the cares of office.

CHINESE CONSUL-GENERAL.

WILL ARRIVE NEXT YEAR.

HEADQUARTERS IN MELBOURNE.

Mr. Yee Hing, of the firm of On Chong and Co., ex-president of the Chinese Reform Association, in the course of a letter to Mr. Lo Yun, of the "Tung Wah Times," states that he has had a long interview with Mr. Liang Lan Fun, who has been appointed Chinese Consul-General for Australia.

Mr. Liang Lan Fun was most anxious to learn everything possible about Australia and the Australians. Mr. Yee Hing says that he feels confident that the Consul-General, with the diplomatic training he has received, will discharge his duties in such a way as will reflect credit on himself and the nation which he will represent. Mr. Yee Hing adds that the Consul-General has not decided whether he will come to Australia from Hongkong or proceed overland from Peking, and travel through Siberia to London.

The Consul-General is 46 years of age, and his headquarters in Australia pending further arrangements are to be in Melbourne. He hopes to arrive here in the Chinese new year—February next.

A Hongkong correspondent writes:—The new Chinese Consul-General for Australia, Taotai Liang Lan Fun, has recently been entrusted with somewhat delicate investigations into trouble arising through a certain Japanese monk, and has made a report to the Viceroy of the Two Kwangs, probably the last bit of official work he will be called upon to do before leaving for Australia. There is some uncertainty at present regarding his exact whereabouts, but he is believed to be in Peking, whither he has been summoned by the Emperor and Empress-Dowager for an Imperial audience. This last fact shows that a good deal of importance is attached to this Consulate-General in Australia. And a certain importance does attach to the post and to the Consul-General, for the great majority of the Chinese in Australia are Cantonese, which is often an easy appellation for the people of South China, and the Cantonese are the hot-headed gentlemen who were prominent in the boycott against the United States, and who started the movement against Japan as the result of the Tatsu Maru case. Therefore Taotai Liang will be in a position to assist or to hinder our interests in China. There is at present a small boycott against Canada for stopping opium without compensation to the Chinese concerned, and recently at Hoihow, a Chinese port, the Chinese merchants boycotted the Imperial Customs because the actions of the Customs representative were not to their taste—and the said representative has been removed. The boycott spirit has more or less shown a tendency to run mad, and until the Cantonese cool down Australia cannot know what a day, or a Taotai, may bring forth. The new Consul-General seems an able man, and will probably be a favourite. His appointment is only along the lines of a new Chinese policy of protecting and fostering the Imperialism of the Chinese resident abroad. The somewhat recent cruise of two Chinese war vessels around the Straits Settlements, etc., was intended to awaken or to sustain the patriotism of the foreign Chinese.

DROUGHT AT DUBBO.

A GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

DUBBO, Monday.

There were prayers for rain in the churches at all services yesterday.

The country is fearfully dry now. All the crops have gone off. No harvest is now expected.

THEATRICAL CAUSE CELEBRE.

STATEMENTS BY THE PARTIES.

MR. BIGWOOD WILL FIGHT.

Theatregoers are familiar with sequels. In them the unexpected usually happens. And Sydney just now is provided with a sequel as dramatic as could be wished, none the less so in that its atmosphere is that of the theatre itself. Particulars were published in yesterday's "Herald" of the serving of a writ claiming £5000 damages for alleged breach of promise on the gentleman whose strongest title to public attention is that he is "Miss Carrie Moore's husband." The denouement was precipitated by the sudden arrival by the Melbourne express of Miss Ivy Salvin, who figures as plaintiff in the proceedings. The melodramatic detention of the motor car by Mr. J. J. Carroll, solicitor, acting on behalf of Miss Salvin, and other circumstances connected with the case, were the talk of the town all yesterday, and what the principals might have to say on the matter was awaited with consuming curiosity on all sides.

The affair was an excellent advertisement—not that it needed any—for "The Merry Widow," in which Miss Carrie Moore acted as vivaciously as ever at both holiday matinee and evening performances to overflowing houses. The presence of Mr. Bigwood in the theatre naturally served to deepen public interest. The drama of real life stood as a set-off against the gaiety of the stage.

WHAT MISS SALVIN SAYS.

In the morning Miss Salvin declined to be interviewed at the Hotel Mansion, where she was staying, but later in the day she made a statement to the press. She is still in the middle twenties, tall, slender, and attractive. She said:—"I first met Mr. Bigwood about five years ago in England. We came to Australia in the same boat, and then and subsequently saw a good deal of each other. We were together in New Zealand and in Melbourne. When Mr. Bigwood left Melbourne recently it was with the understanding that I should see him again shortly. That was why I came to Sydney last week, though I returned almost immediately on obtaining his assurance that he would follow. Then I received a telegram announcing his marriage with Miss Moore, so I came up to Sydney as soon as possible. The news came as a great surprise to me, knowing as I did that Mr. Bigwood at several different times promised to marry me."

During the day Miss Salvin went out with a gentleman, and on her return she acquainted the management of the Hotel Mansions with her intention of leaving. This she did later, the gentleman remarking as the cab drove off that he would tell the driver where to go.

MR. BIGWOOD'S SIDE.

Meanwhile not a very great distance away Mr. and Mrs. Bigwood were settling down in their new home, which they entered on Friday in Billyard-avenue, Elizabeth Bay, overlooking the harbour, a quiet and pretty spot, such as a "star" might well select for rest between her stage appearances.

Mr. Percy Bigwood is a noticeably tall, youngish man, whose height suggests that he is thin. He is dark, fresh-complexioned, and clean shaven, with a pleasant conversational manner. What he had to say he said quietly and courteously.

"I have really little to say," he remarked, when the matter had been mentioned. "Some of this is new to me, some I have heard before. I have known Miss Salvin about three years; I met her in England, and she is an English lady. It is quite true that we came out here on the same boat, and that we saw one another, as she states, in New Zealand and Victoria. But it is not true that I ever proposed marriage to her. Most certainly I intend to fight the case; I have placed it in the hands of my solicitor, Mr. Arthur Deery. (Mr. Deery, by the way, married a well-known stage favourite, Miss Aggie Thorne.) I have seen the interview with Miss Salvin in the paper. I have no further comment to make on it. I shall have plenty to say, I promise you, when the case comes on."

The pressman was putting a question about the motor car when Mrs. Bigwood came in. "Of course, we went down to the theatre in a motor car, our own motor car; there are plenty more," she remarked on hearing an inquiry about the Vice-regal 15-h.p. Talbot. "No, I haven't a motor car just now," said Mr. Bigwood, smiling, in reference to the conveyance that caused some trouble on Saturday, "but I intend to have a try for it to-morrow morning. Certainly the car is mine, as much as was the pony that won the Wren Thousand." The motor car that carried the actress and her husband yesterday to and from the playhouse was therefore not the car of Saturday, as nine-tenths of the onlookers thought. "Oh, you reporters, they make you come here and ask questions, and you make us give answers," said Mrs. Bigwood, standing beside her husband, and linking her arm in his; then exclaiming, they were late for dinner, she gently urged him toward the door, so that a moment later he pleaded a similar excuse for closing the interview.

EXTRAORDINARY ALLEGATIONS.

WOMAN'S STORY TO THE COURT.

THREATENED TO DASH HER BRAINS OUT.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Some extraordinary statements were made during the hearing of a charge of threatening her life brought against Sydney Turnbull by Lena Turnbull at Collingwood Court to-day. Mr. Vale appeared for the complainant. Turnbull did not appear.

Lena Turnbull said:—"I was married to defendant's brother last Saturday week. Defendant wanted me to go away with him, and said that if I didn't he would dash my brains out, if he had to swing on the gallows for it. I'm afraid my life is in danger with him."

Mr. Vale (to chairman): It is a strange story. This woman is alleged to have married the defendant; but if it is so, I am under the impression she was drugged when the ceremony took place.

The Chairman (to witness): Do you remember being married to the defendant?

Witness: I have a slight recollection; that's all.

Mr. Vale: Do you know who married you?

Witness: No, I don't. I have tried to get a copy of the marriage lines, but I can't.

Ralph Mathews, father of the complainant, said:—"From complaints made to me I on last Saturday week went to Turnbull's house at Clifton Hill and heard him say he would blow my daughter's brains out, if he had to swing for it."

The Chairman: Is defendant's brother your daughter's first husband?

Witness: Yes, that's so.

The Chairman: Did he get a divorce?

Witness: Yes, by false testimony. There was a conspiracy among the whole lot of them. The mother and brothers conspired to bring my daughter to ruin.

The Chairman: How did he get the divorce?

Witness: They locked her up in a room to prevent her from appearing in the court. My daughter was left undefended. I wrote to the Judge. I paid a solicitor £20 to appear for her, but he did not appear.

Turnbull was bound over to keep the peace for 12 months in one surety of £25 and his own bond for a similar amount.

OPIUM THROWN FROM TRAIN.

NEW METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION.

GUNNING, Monday.

For the last three days tins of opium have been picked up along the railway line between Fish River and Jerrawa, a distance of 14 miles. Altogether about 50 tins have been found. Quantities have been collected at Fish River, Jerrawa, and here. There was evidently some design and method in the way they had been thrown from a passing train, as they were found mostly by "ones," and well over to the railway fence, all on the eastern side of the line.

Constables M'Loughlin and Nolan proceeded to Fish River station and found a number there, and between there and the far-distance signal on the other side of the station. On returning other tins were seen lying along the line.

A couple of Chinese with swags and riding bicycles were seen passing here. It was ascertained that they had ridden from Goulburn, and were taking train to Wagga.

MAHENO AND OCEANIEN.

The Union Company's turbine steamer Maheno, from Wellington, N.Z., arrived at Sydney at 2.30 this morning.

The French mail steamer Oceanien, from Marseilles, was off Sydney Heads at 3 o'clock this morning.

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THE BALKANS.

BULGARIA INDEPENDENT.

PROCLAIMED ON MONDAY.

LONDON, Oct. 5, 10.50 a.m.

The independence of Bulgaria was proclaimed at Tirnovo, one of the principal towns of the Principality, this morning, in the presence of Prince Ferdinand and his Ministers.

IN THE BALANCE.

SECRET NEGOTIATIONS.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE IGNORED.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

The Paris correspondent of the "Times" states that the letter of the Emperor Francis Joseph to President Fallieres explains that he favours the demand of Bosnia and Herzegovina for a Constitution, but the relations of Austria-Hungary to the occupied provinces is too anomalous to permit a Constitution being granted without previously annexing the provinces.

The correspondent of the "Times" states that the letter of the Emperor Francis Joseph, or Count von Khevenhuller-Metsch (the Austrian Ambassador) verbally, informed President Fallieres that Russia, Germany, and Italy had already given assurances of approval. Apparently the negotiations were conducted by Baron Lexa von Aehrenthal (the Austro-Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs), Prince Bulow (German Imperial Chancellor), M. Isvolsky (Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs), and Signor Tittoni (Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs), in perfect secrecy, and without the knowledge or co-operation of France or England.

The "Temps" states that Austria-Hungary is willing to propitiate the Turks by the restitution of the sanjak (province) of Novibazar.

The Paris correspondent of the "Times" suggests that Italy perhaps has been placated by a promise of a port in Albania and a free hand in Tripoli.

Referring to the provocative attitude of Bulgaria, the correspondent remarks: "The peace of Europe may hang in the balance to-morrow."

ANNEXATION BY AUSTRIA.

OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

TEARING UP A TREATY.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

Later the Paris correspondent of the "Times" telegraphs that Count von Khevenhuller-Metsch, Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Paris, greatly overstated the acquiescence of the Powers, since there is reason to believe that Germany views the proposed breach of the treaty of Berlin with fundamental aversion, but is not in a position directly to oppose her Austrian ally. Italy is willing to consider the proposals of Austria, but stipulates for the restitution of Novibazar to Turkey; also for the revision of certain treaty restrictions imposed on Montenegro.

Russia virtually says that, since Austria and Bulgaria intend to tear up the treaty provisions which they find inconvenient, Russia will also raise questions, including that of the Dardanelles.

The "Times" mentions a report that France and England will formally protest against the lawless action of Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria, and hints that a conference of the Powers is probable.

The Paris correspondent of the "Times" states that Bulgaria to-day will proclaim its independence, probably through a national declaration by the Sobranje (Parliament), and that on Tuesday Austria-Hungary will announce the formal annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Commenting upon what it terms "this very serious announcement," the "Times" severely censures "this flagrant breach of the treaty of Berlin," and declares that the news will be received in Great Britain with great regret and greater indignation.

The "Daily Mail" writes that Prince Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, will assume the title of Czar of the Bulgarians.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that the Austrian and Hungarian Delegations on Thursday will declare Bosnia and Herzegovina an Imperial and Royal Dominion.

A CHANGE OF RELATIONS.

WITHIN TREATY LIMITS.

The "Neue Freie Presse" of Vienna asserts that the Emperor Francis Joseph has addressed an autograph letter to the Powers, referring to the necessity of changing the present relations of Austria-Hungary to Bosnia and Herzegovina, which, though nominally provinces of Turkey, are administered by Austria-Hungary. The letter states, the newspaper adds, that the change contemplated will not overstep the limits of the treaty of Berlin.

The "Neue Freie Presse" believes that it is possible to find within the treaty a title of ownership which will convince the occupied provinces that they will never be separated from Austria-Hungary.

THE ORIENT RAILWAY.

CESSION TO BULGARIA PROBABLE.

Reuter's agency learns that the British Government has made proposals to Turkey and Bulgaria for the settlement of the Orient railway dispute.

The Porte has agreed that if the railway is temporarily restored to the company Turkey will consent to its transfer to Bulgaria if the rights of the Porte are safeguarded. Great Britain has urged the signatory Powers to the treaty of Berlin to recommend this solution of the difficulty, and it is understood that the Powers have agreed.

A CONFIDENT DIPLOMAT.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Bulgaria's diplomatic agent at Berlin states that in the event of war, Bulgaria will enjoy an advantage over Turkey, but his Government expected to obtain great results by pacific means if Turkey shows goodwill.

THE TREATY OF BERLIN.

PROVISIONS AFFECTED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

The Treaty of Berlin was ratified on August 3, 1878. The articles which are or might be affected by the developments now proceeding are:—

Article I.: Bulgaria is constituted an autonomous and tributary Principality, under the suzerainty of His Imperial Majesty the Sultan. It will have a Christian Government and a national militia.

Article III.: The Prince of Bulgaria shall be freely elected by the population, and confirmed by the Sublime Porte, with the assent of the Powers. No member of the reigning dynasties of the Great European Powers may be elected Prince of Bulgaria.

Article IX.: The amount of annual tribute which the Principality of Bulgaria shall pay to the Suzerain Court shall be fixed by an agreement between the Powers signatory of the present treaty at the close of the first year of the working of the new organisation.

Article X.: Bulgaria takes the place of the Imperial Ottoman Government in its undertakings and obligations towards the Rustchuk-Varna Railway Company. The Principality of Bulgaria, likewise, so far as it is concerned, takes the place of the Sublime Porte in the engagements which the latter has contracted as well towards Austria-Hungary as towards the company for the working of the railways of European Turkey, in respect to the completion and connection as well of the working of the railways situated in its territory.

Article XIII.—A province is formed south of the Balkans, which will take the name of Eastern Roumelia, and will remain under the direct political and military authority of the Sultan under conditions of administrative autonomy. It shall have a Christian Governor-General. (The Prince of Bulgaria now governs Eastern Roumelia as its Governor-General.)

Article XXI.—The rights of and obligations of the Sublime Porte with regard to the railways of Eastern Roumelia are maintained in their integrity.

Article XXV.—The provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be occupied and administered by Austria-Hungary. The Government of Austria-Hungary not desiring to undertake the administration of the Sandjak Novibazar which extends between Servia and Montenegro in a south-easterly direction to the other side of Mitrovitza, the Ottoman Administration will continue to exercise its functions there. Nevertheless, in order to ensure the maintenance of the new political state of affairs, as well as freedom and security of communications, Austria-Hungary reserves the right of keeping garrisons and military and commercial roads in the whole of this part of the ancient vilayet of Bosnia. To this end the Governments of Austria-Hungary and Turkey reserve to themselves to come to an understanding on details.

Article XXVI.—The freedom of Montenegro is recognised by the Sublime Porte and by those of the High Contracting Parties who have not hitherto admitted it.

Article XXIX.—Antivari and its seaboard are annexed to Montenegro under conditions (of which the following now apply):—

- Montenegro shall have full and complete freedom of navigation on the Boyana. No fortifications shall be constructed on the course of that river, except such as may be necessary for the local defence of the stronghold of Scutari.
- Montenegro shall have neither ships of war nor a flag of war.
- The port of Antivari and all the waters of Montenegro shall remain closed to the ships of war of all nations.
- The administration of the maritime and sanitary police, both at Antivari and along the coast of Montenegro, shall be carried out by Austria-Hungary by means of light coastguard boats.

Article LIX.—The Emperor of Russia declares that it is his intention to constitute Batoum a free port, essentially commercial.

Article LXIII.—The treaty of Paris of March 30, 1856, as well as the Treaty of London of March 13, 1871, are maintained in all such of their provisions as are not abrogated or modified by the preceding stipulations. (These treaties provide that no ships of war belonging to any nation shall pass the Dardanelles without the express permission of Turkey.)

The signatories to the Treaty of Berlin were Great Britain, Germany, Austria-Hungary, France, Russia, Italy, and Turkey.

SOCIAL ANOMALIES.

PROBLEM OF MITIGATION.

SPEECH BY MR. ASQUITH.

DEALING WITH UNEMPLOYED.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, addressing 4000 people at Earlston, Berwickshire, on Saturday, said that the land problem was only part of a wider and more complex problem of how to mitigate the glaring anomalies of modern society, while also stimulating and not stifling individual energy and initiative.

The Government, Mr. Asquith continued, was compelled by the exigencies of political machinery, to proceed piecemeal with the work of reform. Old-age pensions was only a step towards a comprehensive and complete dealing with the allied problems concerning the workers.

Under existing economic conditions, Mr. Asquith asserted, we would never wholly get rid of unemployment, but wise legislation could reduce its area, and make permanent provision against extraordinary emergencies.

By the Licensing Bill the Government hoped to diminish facilities for intemperance. By its land legislation it sought to check the constant efflux of population from the country to the towns. He defended the Scottish Land Bill as sound in principle.

UNEMPLOYED DEMONSTRATION.

"HUNGER-SUNDAY MEETING."

A demonstration of unemployed was held in Trafalgar-square yesterday, and was called a "Hunger-Sunday Meeting." Four thousand unemployed attended.

Mr. Stewart Grey, one of the leaders, advised the men to march to Windsor Park. He also suggested that a number should sit down in the square until they were moved on, as a protest against the injustices of society.

A number of unemployed followed the suggestion of Mr. Grey, and sat down in the square, but at sunset the police scattered the crowd. Seven of the men, including Mr. Stewart Grey, despite some ugly rushes of their fellows in an attempt at rescue, were arrested.

LABOUR LEGISLATION.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The conference of the International Association for Labour Legislation sitting at Lucerne advised the introduction of legislation for the suppression of sweating in connection with home work, and suggested the working of wages boards should be carefully watched.

CHINESE CURRENCY.

SILVER STANDARD RETAINED.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The "Standard's" correspondent at Hongkong states that the Board of Finance has decided that China shall retain the silver standard.

DEATH OF SIR GEORGE LIVESEY.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

The death is announced of Sir George Livesey, chairman of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, aged 74 years.

Sir George Livesey, who was a civil engineer, extended a co-partnership in the works of the South Metropolitan Gas Company to the employees, who have now over £350,000 invested in the company, and three of their number on the board as directors.

GERMAN WAR DRESS.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

Germany intends to clothe her soldiers in war time in grey, discarding all bright uniforms and flashing accoutrements.

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

ACCUSATIONS BY DEMOCRATS.

ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Reuter's correspondent at New York reports that Democrats accuse well-known Republicans, including relations of Mr. W. H. Taft (Republican candidate for the Presidency) and President Roosevelt, of being interested in a syndicate which purchased for 2,500,000 dollars (£500,000) the Panama Canal Company's stocks and bonds, knowing the United States would purchase them at 40,000,000 dollars (£8,000,000).

TUBE RAILWAYS STOPPED.

POWER STATION BREAKDOWN.

WEIRD SCENES.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

All the tube railways in London, except the central, were stopped for several hours on Saturday afternoon owing to a breakdown at the Chelsea power station.

There were weird scenes in the tunnels.

All the passengers alighted on the lines by means of ladders, and walked to stations.

There was no panic when the people were assured that the live rail would not be dangerous until the power was restored.

VENEZUELA DEFIANT.

HOLLAND TO BLOCKADE PORTS.

PRESIDENT CASTRO ILL.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

President Castro, of Venezuela, on Saturday, informed the Senate of the Republic that he refused to receive the Second Note from Holland regarding the expulsion of the Dutch Minister, Mynheer J. D. de Rens. After making the announcement President Castro had two attacks of hemorrhage of the lungs, and was carried home helpless.

It is expected that Holland will blockade La Guayra and Maracaibo early in November.

IN MEMORY OF THE BRAVE.

UNVEILING FRENCH MONUMENT.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

A monument has been erected at Noisseville, near Metz, in memory of the French soldiers killed in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. The monument was unveiled yesterday in the presence of 65,000 spectators. Representatives of the French and German Governments delivered addresses.

Noisseville is a village of France, five miles from Metz. In this village on August 31-September 1, 1870, Bazaine attacked the German besiegers of Metz with 120,000 men and 600 guns. He had some success the first day against 41,000 men and 128 guns, commanded by Manteuffel, but on the second day gave up the attempt to break through the German line, which had been reinforced during the night by 30,000 men and 162 guns.

EMPIRE QUESTIONS.

GREAT COUNCIL PREDICTED.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Colonel Seely, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, speaking at Liverpool, said that we were drawing very near a better system in the government of the Empire, and he predicted the establishment of a Great Council of the Empire to discuss the problem of Asiatic immigration.

H.M.S. GLADIATOR.

TOWED TO PORTSMOUTH.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

H.M.S. Gladiator, which was beached after a collision near the Isle of Wight, and refloated, has been towed to Portsmouth.

TUBERCULOSIS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

President Roosevelt, in an address before the International Conference on Tuberculosis at Washington, said that no gathering was fraught with greater hope for the welfare of the world at large.

SURPLUS REVENUE ACT.

THE CASE FOR N.S.W.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

A copy of the special case stated for the opinion of the High Court of Australia in regard to the validity of the Surplus Revenue Act passed by the Commonwealth Government has been received in Melbourne. It is signed by Mr. John V. Tillet, Crown Solicitor, of New South Wales, on behalf of the New South Wales Government, the plaintiffs in the action, and by Mr. Charles Powers, Federal Crown Solicitor, on behalf of the Commonwealth Government, defendants in the action.

It is stated that the action is brought by the plaintiffs to recover £160,000, which moneys, plaintiff claims, as monies payable to the State of New South Wales as surplus revenues of the Commonwealth for the month of June, 1908. The Commonwealth Parliament passed the Surplus Revenue Act, which came into force on June 13. After the passing of these Acts the Commonwealth Treasurer, purporting to act under and in accordance with these Acts, paid to the credit of the harbour and coastal defence account the sum of £250,000, and paid to the credit of the invalid and old age pensions account the sum of £182,000, and debited these sums against the States, on the ground that the same formed the portion of the expenditure of the Commonwealth.

The proportion of the amount debited to the State of New South Wales was £160,000, and the balance payable and paid to the State was reduced by that sum. The question the Court is asked to decide is: "Was the said sum of £160,000 lawfully deducted from the balance payable to the State of New South Wales?"

It is agreed that whatever way the Court decided the sucessful party shall be awarded the costs of the action, and the special case. The hearing of the arguments in the case will commence to-morrow week.

FEDERAL CAPITAL.

ALBURY'S CLAIMS.

ALBURY, Monday.

At a meeting at the Town Hall to-night in connection with the Federal capital question, the Mayor (Alderman Waugh), Alderman Tenbrink, and Mr. C. L. Griffith were appointed a deputation to proceed to Melbourne to interview members of the Federal Parliament to advocate the claims of Albury.

BURNS V. JOHNSON.

SQUIRES WILL FIGHT THE WINNER.

AUCKLAND (N.Z.), Monday.

Bill Squires has announced his intention of being present at the Burns-Johnson fight, and of challenging the winner. Squires says he was not "too fit" when he met Burns on the last occasion, and thinks he will beat him yet.

BURNT BEYOND RECOGNITION.

AN OPEN VERDICT.

NARRABRI, Monday.

The district coroner, Mr. W. F. Robertson, P.M., held an inquiry respecting the death of the unknown swagman whose body was found under a fallen burnt tree near Turrawan. According to the evidence the body was completely severed, and burnt beyond recognition. Deceased apparently was a man between 40 and 50 years of age. All his belongings were burnt. An open verdict was returned.

LABOUR'S FESTIVAL.

THE PROCESSION.

AN EXCELLENT SHOW.

BANNERS RIPPED BY BREEZE.

£1500 TO £2000 DAMAGE.

The great crowd which watched the Eight-hour Day procession form up yesterday on its way to George and Park streets and the showground did not realise that it saw from £1500 to £2000 of damage done within the space of about ten minutes. The painted silk banners which the trades unions carry every year cost from £40 to £80 each—not counting the cost of organising concerts and so forth to raise the money for them. There were 44 banners in the procession yesterday. Sixteen were torn by the wind before they turned down Park-street. Of the big Eight-hour banner, new only last year, and the banners of the carpenters, carters, sawmillers, and coal-lumpers, there was apparently scarcely anything left. A gust had caught them when they were waiting for the start, and ripped them to pieces. People were quite powerless to prevent the damage, and it was very heartrending to see. Banner after banner split, first along the edge of the paint, then straight along the creases, whichever way they ran, till the painted silk was in ribbons.

"OMEN OF SIX-HOUR DAY."

"It's a good omen," said the president of the demonstration (Mr. Cutler). "On the new ones which we get in place of them there will be six hours instead of eight! Six hours on everyone of them!"

One of the committee looked at it in this way. "I think this year has shown what a pity it is to waste our money on banners, which only last about five years at the best. There is £1500 to £2000 at the least gone in a few minutes, and that is always liable to happen. I am going to suggest that instead of spending £80 on a banner each union should have a small neat banner, with its name on it, to show which union is passing, and should spend £10 or £15 a year in fitting up a really good show for the year. It would make much more of an impression, and would not be money thrown away like this."

THE CHILDREN'S DAY.

Indeed, with a little care, this Eight-hour Day might easily be made the day of all the year—the children's Derby Day, as it were. Yesterday proved that. The one feature of the crowd was the children in it. They sat and sucked lollies beforehand; clenched sticks of melted chocolate in their grimy fists preparatory to swallowing it along with most of the silverpaper—or offering it to you. Bless them, for the thought, if not for the plaster on your coat sleeve. And when the procession, with the railway engines on waggons, and pretty dresses, and the bakers throwing buns at the people, and Queen Elizabeth and Britannia came by, it was as near to the Lord Mayor's show as anything in Australia, and that is the one event of the year to the London child. They enjoyed themselves yesterday, did the children. And when they do that, so do their elders. There were very big crowds all along the path the waggons and banners followed. It was an excellent crowd, too; obviously a family crowd—the sort that has brought out its children, and is proud of them. Sometimes it is almost too proud of them. For the most part the youngsters were dressed as simply and neatly as any earl's. But here and there a pair of cheeks, a small arm or leg, that might have been shaded from the sun was left bare to set off a hat or a frill. "Her arm's all burnt. It's a shame not to give her a sleeve," said a friend to the father of one mite. "You tell your missus so." "You can tell her if you like," was the rather half-hearted answer.

A few more carts and waggons with tableaux on them would make this the Lord Mayor's Day of Sydney beyond a doubt. Such shows as there were yesterday were splendid; the torn banners did not spoil the day for the children in the least. But everyone does not agree with Mr. Darnley. "We lost our banner, and it cost £85," said the secretary of the Sawmill Employees. "But we'll get another, a stronger one, enwoven instead of painted, or a stronger cloth." "Why, it'll be a Godsend, will this day, for some of the unemployed signpainters," said a member of Parliament who stood by.

THE MUSTERING.

Yesterday morning saw no lowering rain clouds rolling down upon the Trades Hall, but fitful gusts of wind eddied round Goulburn-street and carried clouds of dust and chaff along Sussex-street, where long before 10 o'clock the banners of many unions and societies took up their positions. They were in two batches; the one with its head where Goulburn-street runs into George-street curled its tail round Sussex-street into Park-street. When it moved off the second, with its whole length in Sussex-street as far as Hay-street, followed after it.

The stalwart sons of labour were kept very busy battling with the breeze, which increased as the hour for starting approached. Those in charge of the expensive silk banners, in most cases, allowed them to fly freely and take their chances with the sudden squalls. Others, however, attempted to make the restraining cords fast to the framework. This latter procedure was attended with disastrous results, for in many cases the wind, finding an object of resistance, burst completely through the banners, the light silk of which ripped from top to bottom.

The Federated Timber Workers' banner suffered most in the initial stages of the procession. This banner was of blue silk, and was beautifully designed, having cost over £100. By the time the procession started there was very little left of it except the yellow border. The Trolly and Draymen's banner was also torn from pole to pole.

The Carpenters and Joiners' presented the appearance of numerous ribbon-like streamers. The Coal-lumpers' showed strong indications of having met rough weather, and the banner of the Typographical Union bore marked evidences of the fray. Hardly a banner, with the exception of those which were rolled up and hidden from view, escaped the vagaries of the breeze, and, as the silk ones suffered worst, the total amount of damage even before the procession had reached the top of Brickfield Hill must have been at least £1000.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the Head Marshal, Mr. George Moody, very smart and military on his grey horse, gave the order for the advance, and the long procession moved slowly forward out of Goulburn-street into George-street to the Show Grounds, via Park-street, College-street, Oxford-street, and Flinders-street.

THE DISPLAYS.

SCENE IN PARK-STREET.

By the time the procession reached Park-street very nearly another £500 of damage must have been done to the banners. Otherwise the display was a big success. First came Sir Walter Raleigh, in tights and stripes all proper—on his knee, too, exactly after his well-known habit—presenting to a beautiful Queen Elizabeth a leaf of tobacco as large as a cabbage. Sir Francis Drake was there, and the Earl of Leicester—beefeaters, pages; two Indians whom he had brought, too, as specimens. Hundreds of tobacco workers marked behind, all smoking churchwardens. The Progressive Carpenters had a cart on which they were carpentering most strenuously for 8 hours; on the waggon just behind they were loafing for another 8, playing cards, smoking, lounging in comfortable chairs reading the paper; behind was a bed with a candlestick for the remaining 8.

RAILWAY ENGINES.

The next big waggon belonged to the Locomotive Drivers. It won the third prize of the day. It was a whole black shiny railway engine and tender of the real size. There were drivers in the cab, it was smoking hard, and whistling like a real one. The drivers made it all themselves. After it came little models of the oldest railway engine and the newest; but the children had barely time to hop excitedly from one leg to the other and clap their hands before the biggest monster of all came along. It looked like an iron camel, hump, and all; but it was really the cab and smoke box of a Clyde engine which the boiler-makers had brought with them. A fuming traction engine with a steam crane tugged it, and looked like an ant under its forefoot.

BRITANNIA.

This huge boiler shared the first prize with a certain excellent display made by the printers. When Britannia or Australia or any other allegory is acted, it is generally played by a lady in drapery several times heavier than lead, who looks about as graceful as if she were posed for a photograph. The printers had fitted up a waggon with a big white pedestal. On the top of it stood far the most graceful Britannia one has ever seen in any tableau; and on the various corners of it sat the States of the Empire. The fact that their long hair and the flap of a mantle here and there were caught and tossed by the high breeze did not take away from the picture in the least. It was the only allegorical tableau one has seen that would satisfy an artist—which is saying a good deal.

THE BAKERS.

The shipwrights had four pretty models of boats with them—the delight of every boy there. But the excitement was never so high as when the bakers came along. They had first a ramshackle barn of an oven filled with four dirty, sleepy men, and labelled "loyalists! No unionists employed in this bakery." Next a smart kitchen, piled with buns and loaves, which they threw hard and high into the crowd; lastly behind the carts they marched in their bakers' caps, carrying all sorts of fancy designs in bread. The bakers had second prize for their trade display; a small army of tinsmiths who marched along in armour (two riding, one in bright armour, the other in dull), the footmen with battle axes and a big crown, won the first. It is said the union chose a crown because a tinker once saved the life of a King, for which little service tinkers were given a monopoly over crowns in processions. The slaughtermen, with a butcher's shop, with the mutton all nicely tattooed, came third.

Of the rest, the farriers had a forge, and a live horse on their waggon; they were shoeing him there: he appeared to be a very good-humoured horse. The ironmoulders had the condenser of a ferry engine. It weighed five tons, and was cast at Mort's Dock. "Made with fair wages," said the placard. "Why not cast all our marine machinery here?" The marble workers had some slabs of New South Wales marble; the bootmakers had two carts; and the carters, what looked like a tumbril with a red flag, and a French mobsman of the revolution driving it.

With the procession there were walking Messrs. J. C. Watson, W. M. Hughes, and Spence, Ms.P., and Senator Turley, Messrs. J. S. T. M'Gowen, Hollis, Neilsen, D. Macdonell, Stuart Robertson, Mercer, Meehan, Ms.L.A., and others.

The banners, besides those abovementioned, which were torn by the wind, were the Stonemasons,' Progressive Carpenters,' Ironworkers', Australasian Engineers', Ironmoulders', Tailors', Seamen's, United Labourers', Bakers', and Confectioners'.

The procession was over a mile long. Its order was:—

Eight-hour Banner.
Professional Musicians' Band.
Officers of the Committee, Members of State and Federal Labour Parties, and Official Visitors.
1. Tobacco Workers.
2. Cold Storage Employees.
3. Brushmakers.
4. Brickmakers.
5. Cigarmakers.
Helensburgh Band.
6. Painters.
7. Bricklayers.
8. Marble Workers.
9. Plasterers.
10. Stonemasons.
Wollongong Band.
11. Amalgamated Carpenters.
12. Furniture Trade.
13. Progressive Carpenters.
Bulli Town Band.
14. Tramway Employees.
15. Shore Drivers and Firemen.
16. Loco. Engine Drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners.
Keira Brass Band.
17. Boilermakers.
18. Amalgamated Engineers.
Corrimal Town Band.
19. Ironworkers' Assistants.
20. Stovemakers.
21. Australasian Engineers.
22. Ironmoulders.
St. George's Rifle Band.
23. Typographical Association.
24. [illegible]
25. Letterpress Machinists.
26. [illegible]
Balmain District Band.
27. Professional Musicians.
28. Gas Employees.
29. Glass Workers.
30. Brewery Employees.
Pipers' Band.
31. Municipal Employees.
32. Pressers.
33. Tailors.
34. Cutters and Trimmers.
St. George's District Band.
35. Seamen.
Tramway Band.
36. Wharf-labourers.
Paddington Band.
37. Ship Painters and Dockers.
38. Shipwrights.
Railway Military Band.
39. United Labourers.
40. Sawmill Employees.
41. Coopers.
Olympic Band.
42. Bakers.
43. Slaughtermen.
44. Confectioners.
Roselle District Band.
45. Saddle and Harness Makers.
46. Coach and Car Builders.
47. Farriers.
West Sydney Band.
48. Plumbers.
49. Tinsmiths.
50. Wire Workers.
Sydney Military Band.
51. Clickers.
52. Boot Operators and Rough Stuff Cutters.
53. Boot Trade.
Sydney Marine Band.
54. Trolly and Dray Men.
Clyde Band.
55. Coal-lumpers.
Metropolitan Band.
56. Storemen.
57. Clerks.

ON THE SHOWGROUND.

A BIG CROWD.

DAY FOR CHILDREN.

It is really the children's day, this Eight-Hour Day. The serious races at the sports were all very well for the grown-ups. Perhaps big brother could see some sense in sprints and half-miles and other flat things; and they gave father just the opportunity he wanted to talk about the way he would have run them had he been a young man. One heard a portly railway man—he cannot have been much less than 14st, if he were not one or two more—laying down the law upon a mile race. "Call that runnin'? I could run faster than those blokes when I was a youngster. No man can run that tries to touch his head with his heels." The grown-ups liked talking in that way. There were a good number of them there altogether—35,000, it is said. And there were some important persons there too, some of the State Ministers, Mr. C. A. Lee, Mr. Hogue, and Mr. Oakes, besides Mr. M'Gowen and Mr. Hughes, M.P., and many others. The flat races interested all of them probably, and the finishes in the bicycle races were exciting enough to wave your cap over. But to the important people—the people in sunbonnets, who were having the day of their lives, who squatted on the lawn or tip-toed against the fence, and plastered their faces with chocolate and sandwiches, it was the Old Buffers' Race, and the mile walk, the boys' obstacle race, the scouts and cadets, the greasy pole, barrel chining—and above all the lady boxer, whom you could see fight for sixpence in the booths at the back, and the French cook and other Aunt Sallies at whom you could take three shies for a penny—that were the chief events of the day. Perhaps the climax was when a sort of ballet dancer, in a short, blue skirt, won the comical costume race by some yards from a black princess, with streaming hair, an emerald green blouse, and an umbrella. But it was hard to beat the time when they ran blindfold after that poor, wretched man with a bell, and banged bags of brickdust all over his black coat and best hat. Then there was the race in which they tried to run a hundred yards as hard as they could and hold a bucket of water on their heads at the same time without spilling it. They were all wet through long before the end. And there was the race in which they were supposed to walk a mile, taking off their coats after the first round, putting them on again, and carrying a tool-bag in the last. It was as good fun as anything to see the desperate man hopelessly behind run a fair half-lap under the fond impression—quite an honest one, too—that his new-found step was a walk.

It was not only a children's day for those who sat and tucked away fruit and sandwiches behind the palings. There were children on the green. By far the prettiest scene of all was the Maypole dance—a relic of fleet week—in an odd corner of the green; and the club-swinging by a little white company. They drilled like champions, those youngsters. There were squads of small boys and girls, in red and white and blue, drilling for most of the afternoon. And there, with Major Dove, D.S.O., in charge of them, were the cadets, scouting across the field, popping away at the audience, retreating and advancing, inclining right and left, and lying down all by signal, without a single spoken word. Just at that time one saw an even more exciting exhibition of unauthorised scouting. It was going on all day amongst the booths at the back. But in this particular case, the lady boxer in pink silk and short skirts, having offered to fight anyone in the crowd for a dollar, and having been accepted, and Mr. Casey, having promised to fight someone else for a pound note—he, too, being accepted, it became the ambition of young Sydney to get into the tent where such interesting things were happening. The authorised entrance was 6d; and the unauthorised entrance was underneath the flies of the tent. Like Red Indians in the dark American jungle, there crept around the outside of the tent stealthy forms. Now and then the fly would be raised for a time. When it fell again, it fell quite innocently on the wrong side of some small boy. It is true that Mr. Casey, with a rope, did at times patrol the inside. He was too kind to use it. But if he could be induced to make a dash at anyone that was the one thing wanted. The particular enemy fled incontinent; but then, just for one moment, Mr. Casey was occupied. By the time he turned round again, there had been a general post somewhere in the background. There were three more spectators. The only question was which. And it remained a question.

Probably in hundreds of young minds it will be a day to be remembered to the end of life. The penny shies alone are enough to go home and dream on. What does it matter that the rings or thimbles or scarf pins that you get by hitting a lifeguardsman on the nose are probably dear at the price. You are satisfied and the showman is satisfied, and altogether things are glorious.

AT THE THEATRES, ETC.

Again the holiday record was a great one, the very satisfactory attendances at the various afternoon performances proving that the matinee is now an institution which can hold its own even against the sunshine and cool breezes of a glorious spring day. In the evening "The Merry Widow" drew an overflowing house at Her Majesty's Theatre, where the comic scenes were especially appreciated, whilst at the Theatre Royal the romance of "Dorothy Vernon," with Miss Tittell Brune and Mr. Thomas Kingston in the central characters, proved absorbing to a great audience. The Criterion Theatre was crowded when the curtain rose upon the glittering scene of the bazaar in "The Belle of Mayfair," where the first duet and chorus of "The Bells" was encored, and at the Palace Theatre Mr. Frank Thornton and his clever company convulsed the packed house with "Charley's Aunt." Many people were unable to gain admission to the entertainment provided by Mr. Harry Rickards at the Tivoli; whilst there was the proverbial "sea of faces" at the National Amphitheatre. Besides showing a choice programme at the Town Hall, Mr. C. Spencer's Theatrescope Company had the "house full" notices up early at the Lyceum. This audience included the Governor-General and suite, and during the interval his Excellency assured the management of his intention to come again when opportunity served, so pleased was he with the programme. There were three successful picture entertainments at Queen's Hall, at the last of which Messrs. MacMahon and Carroll were turning people away, and the Victoria Hall and the Bijou Picture Palace drew similarly crowded audiences. The new vaudeville and picture entertainment at the Oxford filled the house, whilst at the Royal Standard Theatre Mr. Harry Clay's Dramatic Company hit the popular taste with "The World Against Her." Wonderland City was well patronised throughout the day and at night.

TRAFFIC RETURNS.

The following is a statement of the booking at Sydney and suburban railway stations yesterday, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m., as compared with the bookings on Eight-hour Day last year:—On the main suburban line, 62,230 passengers were carried, and their fares amounted to £755 8s 9d, the corresponding figures for last year being 58,651 and £640 1s 2d. On the Illawarra line there were 57,202, representing a sum of £1355 4s 7d while last year's figures were 42,590 and £1197 19s 3d. By the Northern line there were 22,137 passengers, representing £483 12s 3d, last year's figures being 17,509 and £399 6s 10d. On the Western line 4826 passengers were carried and their fares amounted to £338 4s 9d, while last year's figures were 4326 and £353 11s 8d. And on the Southern line there were this year 3193 passengers, representing the sum of £192 19s, whereas last year's figures were 3008 and £218 8s 9d. The total number of passengers carried this year thus comes to 149,589, while the number carried last year was only 126,084, an increase this year of 23,505. This year's fares amounted to £3122 9s 4d, an increase over £2809 10s 8d, the amount earned last year, of £312 18s 4d.

The following are the numbers of cars which were required yesterday to conduct passengers to the places mentioned: To the show ground, 90; to the racecourse, 200; to La Perouse, 58; to Coogee, 180; to Bondi, 77; and to Waverley, 15. There was no hitch in the traffic, the only accident of any consequence being the breaking of an axle on a Coogee-bound car during the height of the traffic in Moore Park. No delay was caused, however, as the breakdown occurred between the entrance and exit of the Cricket Ground, and the traffic was diverted to the other line.

AFTER THE PROCESSION.

SWEPT FROM THE FOOTBOARDS.

After the procession had passed the huge crowd of onlookers surged down George and Pitt streets towards the Quay. The trams were crowded, people standing on the footboards and clinging to the cars in great numbers. Three persons riding in this fashion were swept from the footboards by passing cars. Two of these received only minor injuries. One young man, named Cecil Bisshaer, aged 16 years, a plumber, residing at 64 Alma-street, Darlington, who was knocked off a car in George-street, near Essex-street, was taken to the Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance suffering from severe injuries to the head and back, and abrasions on the right leg.

The day's sports will be found on page 9.

BRAYBROOK DISASTER.

FURTHER EXPERT EVIDENCE.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

There is every prospect of the manslaughter case arising out of the railway disaster at Braybrook on Easter Monday being concluded this week.

The examination of Mr. W. O. Bagley, Westinghouse brake expert, was finished to-day. Mr. P. Alexander, assistant manager of the Newport workshops, and Professor Vernot, of the Melbourne University, were also called.

Mr. Bagley expressed the opinion that the brakes of the Bendigo train were on at the time it collided with the train from Ballarat. Various theories which had been advanced for brakes suddenly "jumping" off as described by Driver Milburn were rejected by the witness as untenable.

Mr. Alexander considered that the Bendigo train was efficiently braked, and this opinion was coincided in by Professor Kernot. The Crown case will close to-morrow.

On Saturday morning a visit was paid to the Braybrook (Sunshine) station by the jury before whom the charge of manslaughter against Drivers Milburn and Dolman is being heard in the Criminal Court. The jury travelled in two of the carriages that were comprised in the Bendigo train on the night of the accident, and the engine used was that of which Dolman had charge when the collision occurred. The trial will be continued to-morrow.

BALMAIN COAL MINE.

TO BE SHUT DOWN.

PENDING RECONSTRUCTION.

Surprise was expressed in Balmain yesterday when it was reported that the Sydney Harbour Collieries coal mine at Balmain was to be shut down for an indefinite period. Inquiries showed that the report was authentic, the manager, Mr. W. E. Lishman, having received a communication from the London board on Saturday, directing him to take that course. He accordingly notified the secretary of the local miners lodge (Mr. E. Williams) of the fact, expressing regret that he had to take the step indicated. The employees, numbering about 100 all told, have since been served with notices, stating that their services will be dispensed with at the end of 14 days. The chairman of the local board of directors (Mr. James Inglis) stated that all he could say was that the mine was to be shut down at the instance of the London directors pending reconstruction, but for what period he was unable to state.

It is an open secret that since the new manager arrived a large expenditure has been deemed absolutely necessary to so open up the mine as to render the getting of the coal economical and easy, and this, no doubt, has made a drain on available resources, and perhaps rendered it necessary to secure additional capital. The subject is much canvassed in local circles, and various conjectures are offered as to the cause of the closing down of the mine.

Mr. E. Williams, the miners' secretary, said the miners were surprised at the announcement, and could scarcely understand why the action had been taken. A meeting of the lodge was held on Sunday, and the matter was discussed in an informal way.

POSTAL COMMISSION.

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPHIC SERVICES.

OVER TWO MILLIONS WANTED.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The examination of Mr. John Hesketh, chief electrical engineer to the Postal Department, was continued to-day.

Mr. Hesketh, in reply to Mr. Storrer, said that where it was seen that the flat rate system was being abused steps were taken to introduce the measure or slot method. It would be an advantage to have the measure system at all hotels and boarding-houses. Generally speaking the erection of new telegraph lines ought to be done by contract. The erection of lines on existing poles should be carried out by the department. Ships above a certain tonnage and carrying passengers ought to have wireless telegraphy installations. It would be possible to bring the cost of fitting up one ship with wireless telegraphy to within £1000, and the operating would cost £3 a week.

Dealing with the service generally Mr. Hesketh said that in Victoria as the votes fell from year to year it was impossible to maintain lines which were overworked. If there had been proper maintenance a great economical saving would have been effected. The proposal that a commission should manage the department was attractive to him, because of the disabilities under which the service was labouring, and which it seemed impossible to avoid by other methods of control. The Postal Department had been regarded as the handmaiden of the State, and the commission would probably do away with that idea.

Dr. Carty Salmon: Has not the Postmaster-General's office been looked upon as the Cinderella of the Federal portfolios, as the lowest in importance?—I think so, and perhaps that might have contributed to the present state of affairs.

Would the department suffer more than at the present time if placed under a commission?—The department or the people would not suffer, and I think the service would improve.

Mr. Hesketh considered that £2,100,000 would be required for telephone and telegraph works throughout Australia to bring the service to a proper state. In 1901 a departmental committee sat and made a statement that £462,485 was required. In Victoria it laid down all the essentials of a good system, and made the strongest possible recommendations that this money should be made available for work at once. The committee's recommendations were recognised as reasonable by the permanent head of the department, but the Treasurer of the day could not see his way to provide the money. When witness became chief electrical engineer he pointed out the danger of cutting down the estimates.

Dr. Carty Salmon: They have asked you to make bricks without straw?

Mr. Hesketh: And without clay, too. (Laughter.) In the United States of America in the last eight years £70,000,000 was spent on the telephones. I have no reasonable ground for thinking that £2,100,000 would be too big a sum to place at the disposal of the department. This is October 5. With a quarter of the year gone we have not received any advice as to the amounts to be at the disposal of the department for the present year. Next we will hear that the year has expired, and will be hauled over the coals for not spending money. A suspense account would be the best way out of the difficulty experienced by the Treasurer in having the money locked up.

The Commission adjourned until 11 to-morrow.

"A HAPPY FAMILY."

VICTORIAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

There was a full attendance of members of the Ministry at the Cabinet meeting yesterday, which lasted from half-past 2 o'clock until about 6 o'clock.

When seen after the meeting, Sir Thomas Bent said that there was nothing to be said regarding either the political situation, Mr. Mackinnon's position, or the Land Valuation Bill. "Whatever I have to say," he added, "I will say to Parliament. Don't we look a happy family?"

From inquiries made, it is apparent that Mr. Mackinnon is not to withdraw from the Ministry.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

STATION OWNER PROSECUTES.

WAGGA, Monday.

At the Circuit Court to-day, before Mr. Justice Pring, Alfred James Massey, John Bartholomew Riley, Annie Goode, and Harriet Goode, were charged with conspiring to defraud Alex. Phail of certain sums of money at Coringle station, near Crookwell, on May 1.

The Crown Prosecutor stated that Phail was owner of Coringle station, near Crookwell. Massey was the manager. The two female accused were employed as domestics on the station; and Riley was the constable in the district. It was alleged that Massey obtained £500, Riley £200, and the Goodes £10 each from Phail by means of false statements.

Minnie Phail, wife of Alex. Phail, deposed that on her return to Coringle station from Sydney Riley said to her, "What is this I hear you have been saying about my wife?" Witness denied having said anything, and Riley said he would have to see into it. Witness subsequently asked Massey what he had been telling the girls about her character, and he replied, "That will do, Mrs. Phail, I heard it from the Goode girls, Mrs. Parker, a girl called Butt, and several others." Subsequently Riley told Mr. Phail he wanted a public apology in the papers for a statement Mrs. Phail was alleged to have made. Massey said witness had taken his character away with reference to a little girl 10 years old. He and Harriet Goode also asked for an apology, and they all said an apology would satisfy them. Her husband advised her to apologise, which she did.

Alex. Phail deposed that on May 2 Massey complained to him that his wife had been making statements. He refused to permit an apology in the papers. Massey said he wanted £500, but would prefer an apology in the papers. Witness agreed to pay the £500, and, asking Riley what he wanted, mentioned £300. Riley said that was too much; but he would take £200 for Mrs. Riley. He agreed to this, and also agreed to pay the Goodes £10 each.

The case had not concluded when the Court adjourned until to-morrow.

UNLAWFULLY BUYING GOLD.

TWO CHINAMEN SENTENCED.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Bendigo City Court was crowded to-day, when the hearing of charges against the men arrested in connection with the police crusade against the alleged illicit traffic in gold was resumed.

Two charges of having unlawfully bought gold without having a license were preferred against "Jimmy" Ping, and he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on each charge.

Yin Kee, Chinese herbalist, was sent to gaol for three months on a similar charge. Other accused were remanded.

TINANA AGROUND.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The A.U.S.N. Company's steamer Tinana went aground on Sunday afternoon at high water off White Cliff. The vessel will require to be lightered. She is expected to be refloated on to-day's tide.

THE METROPOLITAN.

MOOLTAN WINS AGAIN.

STEEPLECHASE FALLS TO PILOT.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Metropolitan Day afforded another gorgeous spectacle at Randwick yesterday. It was our typical spring weather, the kind that makes the Australian holiday like none other in all the world—brilliant sunshine beneath a deep-blue sky, flecked with a few fleecy clouds drifting before an easterly breeze, and an atmosphere so clear that the farthest horizon advances to an intimate nearness. The dominant note of the day was supplied in its opulence of colour. The details of the landscape stood out in crisp variety, while in the enclosures, on a setting of brilliant green, the women folk, responding whole-heartedly to a theatrical call of fashion, contributed a medley of iridescent tints. The attendance was very large—something over thirty thousand—and the spectacular climax was reached when the great field was manoeuvring for the start in the Metropolitan in front of the Leger stand. The pavilions were packed, each a mass of eager faces and nodding headgear, rising up tier on tier to the awnings, and the crowd waxed and spread before them till but little of the soft green lawn was seen between the steps and the palisades; while across the track the flat showed a swarm of humankind gathered like bees about the railings, and extending back to a gradually thinning edge in the distance. In the very centre of this great picture a score of sleek horses pranced beneath their gaudy colours till caps and jackets struck a shimmering line across the track. Just as that line was the focal point of human interest, so was it in the outward show, and it gave a singularly completing touch to a memorable spectacle.

The crowd itself, after the fashion of Randwick crowds, was peculiarly representative of the Commonwealth, just as it was of the whole gamut of society. The Governor-General, Lord Dudley, was there, together with their Excellencies Sir Harry Rawson and Sir Frederick Bedford, Admiral Poore, and Sir Frederick Darley, the Lieutenant-Governor; while among others there were Sir William Lyne, the Federal Treasurer, Mr. G. H. Reid, leader of the Federal Opposition, the State Premier and several of his Ministerial colleagues, Sir Joseph Carruthers, Captain Napier, Captain Prowse, and members of the big turf clubs in all the other States.

There were no very exciting finishes, but there was much of interest in the racing. The winning of the favourite in the opening event, which he did in record time, put the crowd in high good humour; but an opposite psychological effect was wrought by Mother Goose breaking down in the New Stakes. The Metropolitan was a wonderfully fine spectacular event, and there was something strangely inspiriting in the sight of the 23 magnificent animals charging round the course beneath the sheen of the silken jackets. The race was marred by one horse falling as the great field swept along the back of the course, and bringing down another, while a third was badly wrenched, but the majority of the contestants were not affected. Eric led round the bend, but soon more familiar names began to echo through the stands—"Peru! Melodrama! Mooltan!" then the jacket of Mooltan's rider shot like a white flame to the front, and the son of Positano raced home at the head of the big field an easy winner. He was second, not first favourite, but as he returned to the scales the crowd rose and cheered him to the echo for his magnificent race. It is a curious coincidence that, while Melodrama won both the 1907 and 1908 Epsom Handicap, the Metropolitan of both those years has fallen to Mooltan.

Bad luck rode afield with the dozen starters in the Steeplechase. A horse fell at the first fence, and another went with crashing disaster at the second. Then a third refused a jump, and the field spread out in a long line, headed by the favourite, Pilot. The crowd, even that part of it that did not bet and knew nothing about racing, took this horse to its heart from the moment he appeared. To the laymen he looks a well-got-up weight-carrying cob, big and round, more fit to be beneath some portly squatter than a jockey. He galloped through his "preliminary" in such a contented, well-fed fashion that he appealed irresistibly to the sentimental side of the crowd. And in the race itself he galloped along just as contentedly, but somehow he always managed to keep in the van. Coming to the jump in front of the Leger, he and Tyrone collided, and a big cry of disappointment arose as he seemed to baulk. But although he had practically stopped, Pilot measured the jump and nonchalantly took it standing. The crowd roared. At the next obstacle Tyrone came down with a terrific crash, and yet another pulled off, but Pilot was still plodding along at the head of the hunt. Others drew up to him on the flat, but at every jump he seemed to gain yards in the air. At the penultimate fence his most serious rival struck and lost his jockey, but after the final hurdle had gone the crowd feared as to what would happen in the run home. But neither the horse nor his rider shared the fears, and, in the words of a shrieking admirer, he "won just how he bloomin' well liked!"

The Breeders' Plate also fell to the favourite, and the last race of the day was won by War Star, who shared the public regard with Heiro, so that the balance being on their side the crowd ended the day as they began it—in high holiday humour.

DRESSES AND ATTENDANCE.

His Excellency the Governor-General, attended by Lord Richard Nevill, Captain the Hon. Hore Ruthven, and Mr. Callan, drove out early, and lunched with the committee of the Australian Jockey Club, who also entertained his Excellency the State Governor, his Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, and his Excellency the Admiral and other distinguished guests. Miss Rawson, accompanied by Lady Bedford and Miss Bedford, and Lady Darley and the Misses Darley, occupied seats in the vice-regal box. Miss Rawson wore a ciel blue crepe de chine, the bodice ornamented with cream lace, and her cream straw hat trimmed with large roses, shading from palest pink to damask red. Lady Bedford was in black and white striped foulard, over which she wore a pastel coloured face cloth coat, and a black hat with black feathers completed her toilette. Miss Bedford's pale green crepe de chine was worn with a white hat, trimmed with vieux rose ribbon and roses. Lady Darley was in pale grey, and a black and white hat. Miss Darley wore cream and a cream hat with flowers. Mrs. Napier was also in cream-coloured voile, with embossed filet net on the bodice, and a white hat with white feathers and a touch of black. Mrs. Clibborn's mole-grey chiffon voile was trimmed with self-coloured silk braid, with a touch of blue on the bodice, and she also wore a mole-coloured hat to match. Miss Clibborn was in pale pink crepe de chine, with a golden-brown silk coat, and a brown hat. The Lady Mayoress wore a black and white striped summer tweed, and a hat swathed with shaded blue tulle. Mrs. E. W. Knox chose a gobelin blue tussore silk skirt, with a net blouse to match, with cream lace yoke, and a mole-coloured toque with a wreath of shaded blue convolvuli. Miss Barbara Knox was in white embroidered muslin, with a blue straw hat with pink roses. Mrs. Noyes wore a Directoire dress of copper-beech coloured satin charmeuse, with beautiful Oriental embroidered insertion, and a touch of blue on the bodice, and a small brown hat trimmed to match. Lady Stephen wore black silk chiffon voile, relieved with cream lace, and a black and white feather hat. Mrs. Claude Macdonald's green pompadour striped brocaded coat was worn over a long skirt of tussore silk, and her burnt straw hat was lined with black and trimmed with cream feathers. Mrs. Ayres wore a charming pale grey crepe de chine, with a large dark green straw hat swathed with pale grey tulle and long grey and green quills. Mrs. Cherry was in pale heliotrope. Mrs. Nugent, white embroidered muslin, inlet with Valenciennes lace and insertion, and a white feather hat. Miss Winifred Smith's dress was also of white embroidered muslin, with touches of pale blue, and a black hat with marguerites. Mrs. T. F. Knox was in a nut-brown chiffon voile, with a toque to match. Miss Nell Knox wore a cream floral muslin. Mrs. Donald Macintyre's pale reseda green voile was trimmed with fringe of green and pale heliotrope, with touches of gold, and worn with a cream hat with pink roses and green leaves. Mrs. H. White wore a crepe de chine dress

in one of the new ochre shades, trimmed with panels of self-coloured filet insertion, and a honey-coloured straw hat swathed with tulle and feathers to match. Mrs. C. Parbury was in white embroidered muslin, and a hat trimmed with pink roses. Mrs. Grenville Miller wore pale grey voile, with a white hat with pink roses. Mrs. E. P. Simpson's green tussore silk was piped with black, and worn with a black hat. Mrs. Sydney Littlejohn was in white and heliotrope-spotted silk muslin, with a heliotrope floral border, and a white and black hat, with Parma violets. Miss Clara Manning's dark blue checked summer tweed was worn with a dark blue felt hat with green feathers. Mrs. Burdekin was in white muslin and beautiful embroidery. Miss Burdekin wore pale blue. Mrs. E. Ryrie wore a beautifully embroidered white poena cloth with a black hat and white feather. Mrs. W. Chisholm's black and white striped summer tweed was strapped with black and blue, and worn with a dark blue hat trimmed with flowers. Miss Dibbs was in black, with a black hat with green feathers. Miss E. P. Walker's Valenciennes lace dress was trimmed with handsome guipure, a touch of colour being given by an emerald green satin waist belt. Miss Nita Walker's Copenhagen blue tussore silk had the bodice trimmed with embroidered filet net in Oriental colours, and was worn with a Tuscan with feathers and flowers. Mrs. Mackinnon chose black ninon over white, inlet with insertion, and a green toque. Miss Mackinnon, white and pink floral muslin; Mrs. George Hughes, pale green crepe de chine, with embossed filet trimming, a white hat trimmed with pink roses; Mrs. Max Anderson, a beautiful dress of Irish crochet over pale blue silk. Mrs. Lawrence Brown was in pale blue with a black hat and wreath of flowers. Miss Egan's blue silk voile was worn with a blue lace coat and a black hat. Mrs. A. Tickle wore a handsome black embroidered chiffon voile over white. Mrs. Adrian Knox was in dark blue braided with black soutache and a black and blue hat. Miss Dangar was in blue, and Miss Muriel Dangar was in white. Mrs. Wesche wore a pink floral muslin and black hat. Miss Lorna Robinson's white embroidered grass lawn was worn with a blue and white hat. Miss Gladys Gould wore a cream net semi-Empire dress, with a cream hat, with cream net and a touch of black velvet. Mrs. Rothe's Gobelin-blue canvas voile was worn with a cream hat trimmed with flowers. Mrs. Bartlett was in cream and grey and blue striped soft silk, trimmed with lace and touches of blue and silver, and a cream hat with blue feathers. Mrs. T. H. Kelly's Directoire coat of bright green silk was worn over a long skirt of white embroidered silk, and a large white hat with long white satin strings. Mrs. Russell Clarke's copper beech-coloured silk voile was worn with a large brown hat trimmed with shaded leaves and berries. Miss Eadith Walker's pigeon blue ninon was worn with a blue feather boa and a black hat. Miss M'Caughey wore a blue and white striped canvas and a white hat.

The attendance also included Sir Francis Suttor, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Sir Rupert Clarke, Mr. H. Dangar, Captain Napier, Mr. E. W. Knox, Sir Matthew and Lady Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hall, Miss Rankin, Colonel Douglas Mackenzie, Mr. Claude Macdonald, Captain Prowse, Captain Bowring, Mr. and Mrs. Hensley, Dr. and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hooke, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. David Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wentworth, Mr. A. F. Robinson and the Misses Robinson, Mr. A. Tickle, Mrs. J. Fiskin, Colonel Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. R. Allen, Mr. W. Mort, Mr. Cope, Mrs. P. Williams and Miss Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Mackinnon, Mrs. Baxter Bruce, Mrs. Bethune, the Misses Mort, Senator A. J. Gould, Mr and Mrs. Max Anderson, Mr. Grenville Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Skey, Mr. and Mrs. Bullivant, Miss Jackson (Melb.), Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Knox, Mrs. C. White, Mrs. Onslow Thompson, Mrs. and the Misses Collins, the Misses Hay, Mrs. Keegan, Mrs. Lawrence Brown, Mr. Russell Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Bennett, Mrs. Thring, Miss Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dangar, Mr. Danby, R.N., Dr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. T. H. Kelly, Mrs. Neville Dangar, Mr. Nugent, Mr. Wright, Dr. H. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes, Mrs. and Miss Owen, Mr. Bedford, R.N., Mrs. Rich, Miss May Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Westmacott, Mr. A. Tickle, Mr. Colin Parbury, Major Sandilands, Mr. Hamilton Earle, Mr. S. Dowling, Mr. De Satge, Dr. Worthington, Mr. Rothe, Colonel Kappe, Mr. A. Lassetter, Miss Carslaw, Mr. Nield, R.N., Mr. Chalmers, R.N., Mr. Pat. Osborne, Mr. T. F. Knox, Mr. H. Darley, Mr. Cope, Mr. and Miss Kelso King, Dr. O'Hara, Mr. Barrington Dickson, Dr. Fawsett, R.N., Mr. F. Lassetter, Dr Robertson, Mr. S. Osborne, Mrs. Rutledge, Mrs. Pascoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Shard.

THE RACING.

As on the opening day the racing was of a high-class character. Large fields competed in the majority of the events, but the sport was marred by accidents in the Metropolitan and the First Steeplechase. In the former event, as the field raced along the back stretch between the seven and six furlongs posts, the Queensland horse Plunder, ridden by A. Hood, galloped on the heels of Exsul and came down, Kyeadgerie, on whom R. Lewis had the mount, falling over the prostrate horse, while Blue Book jumped over Kyeadgerie, and got badly struck on one of his hind legs, pulling up lame before reaching the home turn. R. Lewis, who was shuttlecocked about among the horses as he fell, sustained a shock, but was not seriously injured; while A. Hood received severe concussion, and was sent to St. Vincent's Hospital for a few days rest. The falls in the First Steeplechase resulted in the death of two of the competitors, Tyrone and Taraba, but the riders were not injured. The long run of success which attended the operations of the ringmen met with a check, inasmuch as all the winners were heavily backed, four absolute favourites and one second favourite claiming the judge's attention. The card was run through with characteristic smoothness, and the secretary, Mr. T. S. Clibborn, supervised the general arrangements, which were carried out satisfactorily.

A commencement was made with the Shorts Handicap, which attracted a field of 16, and, on the strength of his running in the Epsom Handicap on Saturday, in which he was in front for six furlongs, Soultline was elected favourite, while Lady Ruenalf, Iolaire, and Arlington disputed second favouritism at the close of business. The field was favoured with a strong gale in its wake, and the favourite, coming through ere the first furlong was covered, did not afterwards leave the issue in doubt, though Iolaire, who ran prominently all the way, made a fruitless bid for victory in the run home. Assisted by the generous breeze, Soultline ran the journey in 1m 12¼s; thus equalling the Australian record, registered over the same track by Lisnarte at the Spring Meeting of City Tattersall's Club last year. Soultline, it will be remembered, started favourite for the Epsom Handicap on Saturday, but failed to see the journey out. On this occasion, however, with 18lb more in the saddle, he gave nothing else a chance, and evidently is suited by the shorter distance. Soultline hails from New Zealand, and is by the St. Simon horse, Soult, from Castroline, by Castor (imp.) from Sapphira, by Leolinus from Lyra (imp.), by Thormanby. The gelding won a handicap over seven furlongs in his native land last season.

Only seven of the 26 on the list for the New Stakes escaped the assaults of the scratching pen, and among the malcontents were Parsee, who, owing to his Derby win, would have had to put up 14lb extra, Orcus, Azurine, and Emita. Despite her failure in the Derby, Mother Goose, whose good deeds of last season entailed a 10lb penalty, was sent out a short-priced favourite, only a shade of odds being available towards the close of business; while Perkeo, who was encumbered with 7lb extra, was a staunchly-supported second favourite. Besides the pair, Lord Nolan received most attention, and he started at the remunerative odds of 7 to 1. Lord Nolan was one of the first to find his legs, and, with Ariki almost on terms, he rattled along to the home turn, where the latter began to tire, and, as he did so, Vavasor put in his claim; but he could not catch the son of Positano, who scored with consummate ease at the end. The favourite ran most disappointingly, and finished a long way in the rear, but Perkeo secured third place. Lord Nolan is the property of the veteran sportsman, Mr. John Mayo, of Maitland, and is by imported Positano from Lady Lybia, who is half-sister (by Antaeus) to Lord Cardigan, winner of the Melbourne Cup, 1903. Lady Trenton, the granddam of Lord Nolan, is by Trenton, son of Musket, from Black Swan, by Yattendon from Maid of the Lake, a mare, bred by Captain Russell, of Ravensworth, and whose pedigree is lost. The colt scored his only win recently at Wallsend, and his Spring engagements include the V.R.C. Derby and the Melbourne Cup with 6st 9lb.

The paddock withdrawals from the Metropolitan were Cross Battery, Malt Rose, Svalin, Lord Nolan, and Perkeo, leaving 22 to compete for the valuable stake. When speculation opened the overnight favourite, Mooltan, was still at the head of the market quotations, and at one time touched 5 to 2; but later on the demand became so persistent for Blue Book that he eventually ousted the son of Positano from the responsible position. There was also a great run on the Derby runner-up, Monobel, on whom the crack lightweight, J. Pike, had the mount, and he finished up a good third favourite; while Kyeadgerie and Peru were the best backed of the others, about whom long prices were obtainable. The field was a well-conditioned one, and very little time was cut to waste at the post before the all-important signal was given by Mr. Mackellar to a splendid start, the large field moving off like a cavalry troop. Monobel and Proportion, each of whom carried the minimum impost, were the first to break the line, and on terms they conducted the field out of the straight and round the turn until nearing the mile post, the pace being very solid from the start. Eric then ran to the front, and rattled along the back stretch in front of the light-weighted pair. When they reached half way between the seven and six furlongs posts Plunder, who was in the back division, galloped on the heels of Exsul and came down, Kyeadgerie falling over him; and the favourite, who was just behind the prostrate horses, had one of his legs badly injured in jumping over Kyeadgerie. This put the favourite out of commission, and he was soon afterwards pulled up. In the meantime Eric was carrying his field past the half-mile post, where Mooltan, who had occupied a good position all the way, began to move up to the leaders, and he followed Eric and Proportion into the straight. When in line for home Eric began to show signals of distress, and as he melted out of it Mooltan quickly settled the pretensions of Proportion. Then Peru, who had hitherto been running in the ruck, appeared upon the scene, and with Maranui in his wake set out in pursuit of Mooltan; but, though the Australian Cup winner made a game effort to overhaul the son of Positano, the latter had plenty in hand, and scored comfortably at the end, thus repeating his last year's performance, when he defeated Apologue by a narrow margin. Mooltan's victory was received with great cordiality, salvos of cheers greeting him as he passed the post, and the ovation was repeated when he returned to the weighing enclosure. The accident which put the favourite out of court was most unfortunate, inasmuch as it robbed the contest of what promised to be a great duel between him and Mooltan; and great sympathy was expressed for his owner, Mr. J. C. Williamson, under the circumstances. Peru ran a good horse, as did Maranui, but Monobel was done three furlongs from home, and Virtu never flattered her supporters. The winner, who was bred at the Neotsfield stud, near Singleton, by Mr. R. H. Dangar, is by Positano (imp.) from Dilisk, by Kingsborough from Washed Ashore (imp.), by Beadsman, and is the property of the Indian sportsman, Mr. Gordondhas Khatau, who recently purchased him from Mr. J. Samuel, for whom he won the Metropolitan last year, and subsequently ran second to Apologue in the Melbourne Cup. The son of Positano holds Caulfield and Melbourne Cup engagements with 9st and 9st 2lb respectively, but he will be called upon to put up 14lb extra in the former and 10lb extra in the latter, bringing his Melbourne Cup burden up to 9st 12lb. He is also engaged in the w.f.a. events in connection with the remaining days of the current meeting and the spring reunion at Flemington, in which he should earn further distinction. Peru, who ran second, is the property of the Victorian sportsman, Mr. Agar Wynne, for whom Melodrama captured the Epsom Handicap on Saturday. Like Melodrama, Peru was bred by his trainer, T. Payten, and is by Grafton (imp.) from Silver Coin, a Tasmanian-bred mare, by Napoleon from Silverhair, by Cervus from Prudence, by Jersey. Peru won a couple of races as a two-year-old, and during last season he captured the St. Helier Stakes at Caulfield, the V.R.C. Australian Cup, and the Champion Stakes. His spring engagements include the Caulfield Cup (8st 9lb) and the Melbourne Cup (8st 12lb). Maranui, who finished in the minor situation, is the property of Mr. Dan O'Brien, of Carbine fame, and is by Malatua—son of Malua—from Grafin, by Carbine from Loyal Peeress, by The Peer from Loyal Devoir (imp.), by Trumpeter. He is engaged in the Caulfield Cup with 7st 11lb, and the Melbourne Cup with 7st 7lb. The time for the race, 2m 34½s, equals that registered last year, but is 1½s behind the record for the race, put up by the New Zealander Maniapoto three years ago.

The First Steeplechase attracted a dozen of the 18 listed, and Pilot, a recent arrival from New Zealand, disputed favouritism with the Victorian representative, Confederate, while Tyrone, a local gelding, who has recently earned distinction over the battens in the metropolitan district, was the only other whose chances were seriously considered. The joint favourites had the finish to themselves, and Pilot, who was in front nearly all the way, successfully resisted a bold challenge from Confederate in the run home from the final jump. The race was a chapter of accidents, for the second obstacle brought down Hustler, Taraba fell over the fence near Kensington in the first round, and never rose again, Tyrone fell and broke his neck over the set of rails in front of the official stand, Grafnax lost his rider at the foot of the hill, and Meteor Light was pulled off after passing the stand in the final round. The winner jumped cleanly and well, though he narrowly escaped being knocked out by coming into collision with Tyrone as they flew the stone wall in front of the stand.

Lamora's brother, Maintenon, was the only defection from the list of candidates for the Breeders' Plate, and a field of 17 well-bred youngsters faced the barrier for the first two-year-old race of the season in this State. Zilka, a handsome young lady, who carried the livery of Mr. H. R. Denison, the owner of Poseidon, was sent out a hot favourite, only a shade of odds being available about her towards the close of business; while second favouritism was disputed by Brookong (brother to Kilfera), Nadir (brother to Hautboy), and Amati (brother to Sivori). Kuring-gai delayed the start by her fractiousness, but eventually the barrier rose to a good send-off, and the favourite, who took charge in the first half-furlong, did not afterwards leave the issue in doubt, winning in hollow fashion from Maltchester and Brookong. The winner is a full-sister to The Owl, by Orzil (imp.) from Kirry—who in her racing days put up the record of 1m 13s for the six-furlongs course at Randwick—by Will o' the Wisp from Young Mona, by Maribyrnong from Mona (imp.), by Trumpeter. The filly was purchased at the last yearling sales at Randwick for 410 gns., and she easily repaid the outlay at the first time of asking.

The scratching pen was used pretty freely with the candidates for the Squatters' Handicap, with which the afternoon's sport was brought to a close, and only half a score of the 45 on the roll were stripped for the fray. The Queenslander War Star was promptly installed favourite, while Heiro, Epois, Claydon Common, The Climax, and Svalin each and all were well supported. The favourite and Shimose, on terms, cut out the running for half the trip; then the favourite shook off his opponent, and did not afterwards leave the issue in doubt.

The details are subjoined:—

SHORTS, a handicap sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, with 500 sovs added; for three-year-olds and upwards; the owner of the second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the owner of the third 50 sovs from the prize. 6f.

Mr. J. Twohill's b g Soultline, by Soult (imp.)—Castorline, 5yrs, 9st 2lb (R. Brown) ... 1
Mr. K. S. Macleod's br h Iolaire, by Grafton (imp.)—Scotch Mary, 5yrs, 9st 12lb (D. M'Carthy) .. 2
Mr. H. C. Lee's ch m Malt Rose, by Maltster—Wild Rose, 4yrs, 8st 5lb (F. Hickey) ... 3

Other starters: Decollette, 9st 2lb (A. C. Thomas); Arlington, 8st 12lb (T. Clayton); Lady Ruenalf, 8st 10lb (J. Barden); Fille Fogi, 8st 9lb (W. Osborne); Malsterdelle, 8st 3lb (R. W. Brennan); The Climax, 8st (A. Hood); Coppertop, 7st 12lb (S. Lamond); La Patrie, 7st 7lb (A. Scowen); Oboe, 7st 7lb (D. Callinan); Mundoie, 7st 5lb (C. Bolton); Totolo (imp.), 7st 4lb (W. H. Smith); Saki, 6st 7lb (S. Ferguson); Chamade, 6st 7lb (C. O. Davies).

Betting: 7 to 2 v Soultline, 6 to 1 each v Lady Ruenalf, Iolaire, and Arlington, 10 to 1 v Mundoie, 12 to 1 each v Malt Rose and Fille Fogi, 14 to 1 each v Oboe and Totolo, 15 to 1 v Decollette, 20 to 1 v others.

The Climax and Lady Ruenalf jumped off in front, but as they neared the end of the first furlong Soultline came through and led past that point a head in advance of Malt Rose, after whom came Iolaire, Totolo, and Oboe. Passing the half-mile post Soultline increased his advantage to a length from Malt Rose, after whom at like intervals succeeded Totolo, Oboe, and Iolaire. Save that Iolaire moved up into third place, there was no change as they came round the bend and swept into the straight. When they reached the distance Soultline was nearly four lengths in front of Iolaire and Malt Rose, and coming on the favourite won by two lengths from Iolaire, who was two and a half lengths in front of Malt Rose. Fille Fogi was close up, fourth, and two lengths in advance of Oboe, Lady Ruenalf, and Saki, after whom came Chamade, Decollette, and Arlington, with La Patrie last. Time, 1m 12¼s.

NEW STAKES, a sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, with 600 sovs added. For three-year-olds. Colts, 8st 5lb; fillies, 8st; geldings allowed 3lb. The owner of the second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the owner of the third 50 sovs from the prize. 1m 1f.

Mr. J. Mayo's b c Lord Nolan, by Positano (imp.)—Lady Lybia, 8st 5lb (W. H. Smith) ... 1
Mr. Ewan Fraser's br c Vavasor, by Grafton (imp.)—Waihine, 8st 5lb (M. Connell) ... 2
Mr. W. A. Gee's ch c Perkeo, by Maltster—Gavotte, 8st 12lb, incl. 7lb penalty (F. Hickey) ... 3

Other starters: Ariki, 8st 5lb (W. Bradshaw); Beau Vive, 8st 2lb (A. C. Thomas); Flavour, 8st (T. Clayton); Mother Goose, 8st 10lb, incl. 10lb penalty (R. Lewis).

Betting: 5 to 4 v Mother Goose, 7 to 4 v Perkeo, 7 to 1 v Lord Nolan, 14 to 1 v Flavour, 25 to 1 v others.

Lord Nolan moved off in front of Vavasor, but as they neared the mile post Ariki joined issue, with Lord Nolan, and the pair passed that point a couple of lengths from Flavour, Vavasor, and Mother Goose, who were followed at length intervals by Beau Vive and Perkeo. When they reached the end of the next furlong Lord Nolan drew out a length from Ariki, the other positions being unchanged, and so they raced along the back stretch to the half-mile post, where Ariki drew up level with Lord Nolan, Flavour and Vavasor were two lengths further back, with Mother Goose at their girths, Perkeo and Beau Vive bringing up the rear. The leading pair increased their advantage to three lengths at the bend, but Lord Nolan shook off the fast-tiring Ariki at the home turn, and, coming on at his ease, won by three and a half lengths from Vavasor, who was three in advance of Perkeo. Beau Vive and Flavour were a couple of lengths away next, with Ariki at their girths, while Mother Goose was eight lengths off last. Time, 1m 54½s.

METROPOLITAN, a handicap sweepstake of 20 sovs each, with 2500 sovs added. The owner of the second horse to receive 400 sovs, and the owner of the third 200 sovs from the prize. 1½m.

Mr. Gordondhas Khatau's b h Mooltan, by Positano (imp.)—Dilisk, 5yrs, 8st 2lb (W. M'Lachlan).. 1
Hon. A. Wynne's br h Peru, by Grafton (imp.)—Silver Coin, 4yrs, 8st 9lb (J. Barden) ... 2
Mr. D. O'Brien's b or br h Maranui, by Malatua—Grafin, 4yrs, 7st 8lb (W. Bradshaw) ... 3

Other starters: Melodrama, 9st 6lb, inc. 10lb pen. (F. Hickey); Plunder, 8st 9lb (A. Hood); Legation, 8st 5lb (R. Johns); Lord Fitzroy, 8st 4lb (T. Clayton); Karanaud, 8st 3lb (D. Lee); Welcome Trist, 8st 2lb (M. Connell); Kyeadgerie, 8st 1lb (R. Lewis); Virtu, 7st 11lb (A. C. Thomas); Pharr 7st 7lb (F. Connelly); Lady Wilde, 7st 7lb (C. B...on); Eric, 7st 7lb (M. Hayes); Blue Book, 7st 5lb, incl. 1lb over (D. Callinan); Dowdingstown, 7st 5lb (H. Abbott); Raw Bee, 7st (W. H. Smith); Exsul, 6st 12lb (A. Kuhn); King's Cross, 6st 10lb (S. Ferguson); Mentmore, 6st 10lb (S. Lamond); Proportion, 6st 11lb, incl. 4lb over (A. Scowen); Monobel, 6st 7lb (J. Pike).

Betting: 3 to 1 v Blue Book, 4 to 1 v Mooltan, 6 to 1 v Monobel, 7 to 1 v Maranui, 10 to 1 each v Virtu, Kyeadgerie, 12 to 1 v Peru, 25 each v Lady Wilde, and Proportion, 33 to 1 each v Welcome Trist, Mentmore, Melodrama, 50 to 1 v King's Cross, Lord Fitzroy, Plunder, Legation, 100 to 1 v others.

A splendid start was effected, and the first to break the line were Monobel, Proportion, and Lord Fitzroy, and Proportion and Monobel, on terms, passed the judge's box with Raw Bee, Lady Wilde, and Lord Fitzroy at their heels, followed by Mooltan and Melodrama, with Mentmore whipping in a great cluster. Monobel and Proportion swept out of the straight with Lady Wilde at their heels; two lengths further back came Lord Fitzroy, Virtu, Raw Bee, Legation, and Eric, while Karanaud had joined Mentmore in the rear. Proportion and Monobel were still in front at the nine-furlongs post, just clear from Eric; then succeeded Lord Fitzroy and Plunder at two-lengths intervals, and followed by Lady Wilde, Virtu, Maranui, Exsul, Legation, and Mooltan. Passing the mile post Eric ran to the front, and piloted his field past the seven furlongs post a couple of lengths from Monobel and Proportion; then after a similar gap came Exsul, Lord Fitzroy, and King's Cross. Half a furlong further on Plunder and Kyeadgerie fell and interfered with Blue Book, while Eric conducted his followers past the five furlongs post with Proportion at his heels; Monobel was half a length away, and a similar trifle in advance of Lord Fitzroy, Mooltan, Maranui, King's Cross, and Peru. Without material change they passed the half-mile post and came round the bend, and Eric turned into the straight closely followed by Proportion and Mooltan, while the most prominent of the others were Maranui, Peru, and Welcome Trist. Nearing the distance Mooltan tackled Eric, cut him down in a few strides, and stalling off a well-meant effort from Peru, who finished very fast, won by a length and a half. Maranui was two and a half lengths off, third, and a couple in front of King's Cross, after whom on close terms came Welcome Trist, Melodrama, Lady Wilde, and Mentmore, with Dowdingstown at the tail of the hunt. Time, 2m 34½s.

FIRST STEEPLECHASE, handicap sweepstakes of 6 sovs each, with 300 sovs added; the owner of the second horse to receive 60 sovs, and the owner of the third 30 sovs from the prize. 2½m.

Mr. G. H. Wilson's blk or br g Pilot, by Gunboat—Mermaid, aged, 11st 10lb (T. Cahill) ... 1
Mr. J. Curr's b g Confederate, by Associate—The Cripple, aged, 10st 9lb, including 10lb penalty (J. S. Cox) ... 2
Mr. A. Cashel's b m Thelma Dashwood, by Moslem—Beryl, 6yrs, 9st (E. O'Sullivan) ... 3

Other starters: Tyrone, 11st 4lb (J. Ryan); Kendledale, 9st 10lb (A. C. Scott); Taraba, 9st 8lb, including 3lb over (C. Fysh); Last Chance, 9st 4lb, including 4lb over (J. Montgomery); Kingle, 9st 2lb, including 2lb over (H. Cook); Hustler, 9st 3lb, including 3lb over (M. Ryan); Tiny Tim, 9st (W. Morphett); Grafnax, 9st (G. K. Phillips); Meteor Light, 9st (T. Grimes).

Betting: 3 to 1 each v Pilot and Confederate, 6 to 1 v Tyrone, 12 to 1 each v Thelma Dashwood and Taraba, 20 to 1 v others.

Thelma Dashwood, and Pilot showed the way over the first fence, and the latter, with Taraba and Tyrone next, negotiated the obstacle at the foot of the hill, and which brought down Hustler. Pilot carried his field over the hill for the first time, his immediate followers being Tyrone, Last Chance, Thelma Dashwood, Taraba, and Grafnax, with Tiny Tim last. Taraba fell over the fence near Kensington, and Pilot flew the double in front of the stand four lengths from Tyrone, who was succeeded by Grafnax, Last Chance, and Thelma Dashwood. Tyrone and Pilot collided as they crossed the stone wall, but both landed safely, while the next obstacle brought down Tyrone. This mishap left Pilot with a commanding lead from Grafnax, Thelma Dashwood, and Last Chance; then succeeded Confederate and Kendledale, with Tiny Tim a bad last. That order was preserved past Oxenham's, but they closed up as they crossed the hill, where Grafnax improved his position, but lost his rider after passing Kensington. Here Pilot had a lead of 12 lengths from Thelma Dashwood, after whom came Confederate and Last Chance. Pilot was first into the straight, where he was challenged by Confederate, but the New Zealander had plenty in hand, and, coming on, won by two and a half lengths from Confederate, who beat Thelma Dashwood by ten lengths for second place. Last Chance was 20 lengths away fourth, followed at long intervals by Kingle and Tiny Tim. Time, 5m 41s.

BREEDERS' PLATE, a sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, with 1500 sovs added; the owner of the second horse to receive 300 sovs, and the owner of the third 100 sovs from the prize; for two-years-old; colts 8st 5lb, fillies 8st, no allowance to geldings. 5f.

Mr. H. R. Denison's ch f Zilka, by Orzil (imp.)—Kirry, 8st (T. Clayton) ... 1
Mrs Leonard's br c Maltchester, by Maltster—Miss Clievedon, 8st 5lb (W. M'Lachlan) ... 2
Messrs. H. and P. Osborne's b c Brookong, by Orzil (imp.)—Kettledrum, 8st 5lb (M. Connell) ... 3

Other starters: Nadir, 8st 5lb (F. Hickey); Gidyea, 8st 5lb (W. Osborne); Hayfield, 8st 5lb (S. Ferguson); Steppingstone, 8st 5lb (W. H. Smith); Amati, 8st 5lb (J. Barden); Zythum, 8st 5lb (D. Callinan); Squires, 8st 5lb (M. J. Hayes); Lady San, 8st (A. C. Thomas); Nandillyan Maid, 8st (J. Pike); Kuringai, 8st (C. Bolton); Little Lill, 8st (R. W. Brennan); Acrospire, 8st (W. Bradshaw); Holly Isle, 8st (D. Lee).

Betting: 5 to 4 v Zilka, 8 to 1 each v Brookong, Nadir, and Amati, 10 to 1 v Zythum, 12 to 1 each v Kuringai, Maltchester, Gidyea, and Nandillyan Maid, 20 to 1 each v Acrospire and Squires.

Kuringai and Acrospire were smartest off the mark, but when they had settled into their strides Zilka came through and rattled past the half-mile post a length in advance of Nadir and Zythum; then after a gap of four lengths came Maltchester and Acrospire. That order was preserved round the bend, and Zilka turned into the home stretch with Maltchester and Acrospire in pursuit. Zilka was not afterwards troubled, and coming on won by eight lengths from Maltchester, who had Brookong at his heels. Nandillyan Maid was close up next, and was succeeded by Amati, Hayfield, Lady San, and Zythum, while the last to pass the post were Holly Isle and Little Lill. Time, 1m 1s.

SQUATTERS' HANDICAP.

A handicap sweepstakes of 8 sovs. each, with 400 sovs. added. For three-years-old and upwards. The owner of the second horse to receive 80 sovs. and the owner of the third 40 sovs. from the prize. 1¼m.

Mr. D. Sheil's b g War Star, by Warpaint—The Sister, 5yrs, 7st 10lb (A. C. Thomas) ... 1
Mr. G. D. Wood's b h Heiro, by Ruenalf—Mora, 6yrs, 8st 10lb (T. Clayton) ... 2
Mr. J. Falkstow's b h Claydon Common (imp.), by Ugly—Maid of Flodden, 5yrs, 7st 6lb (C. Bolton) ... 3

Other starters: Epois, 7st 12lb (W. M'Lachlan); The Climax, 7st 10lb (D. Callinan); War Bee, 7st 3lb (S. Ferguson); Svalin (imp.), 6st 13lb, inc. 3lb over (W. H. Smith); Shimose, 6st 7lb (J. Pike); Adriatic, 6st 7lb (J. M'Glone); Martagon Crosse (imp.), 6st 7lb (A. Kuhn).

Betting: 5 to 2 v War Star, 5 to 1 v Heiro, 6 to 1 v Epois, 7 to 1 each v Claydon Common and The Climax, 8 to 1 v Svalin, 10 to 1 each v Adriatic, War Bee, and Shimose.

Svalin was the first to get going, but he was quickly headed by War Star and Shimose, who passed the nine furlongs post on terms, a couple of lengths from Adriatic and Claydon Common, with Heiro next, followed by War Bee and The Climax, and Martagon Crosse last. That order was preserved past the mile post, and along the back to the six furlongs post, where War Bee and Adriatic were two lengths behind the leaders, while Heiro and Claydon Common were at the head of a packed body. War Star drew out half a length from Shimose at the five furlongs post, and, at intervals of a length, succeeded War Bee, Adriatic, Claydon Common, and The Climax. War Star swung into the straight clear from Claydon Common, Shimose, War Bee, and Heiro, with The Climax at the head of the others; and, coming on, War Star won by a length from Heiro, who just beat Claydon Common by a head for second place. Epois was three-parts of a length off fourth, and half a length in advance of Adriatic and Martagon Crosse, after whom came War Bee, Shimose, and The Climax, with Svalin last. Time, 2m 8½s.

MURRAY WATERS QUESTION.

THE STATES' CONTENTIONS.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The Premier has handed us correspondence on the Murray waters question, from which the following extracts have been made:—

Premier's Office, Sydney, October 2.

Sir,—We are, I think, all agreed that it is very desirable that finality should be arrived at before the termination of the current sessions of Parliaments of the States concerned. I am convinced that the most expeditious course to follow is to agree to all the details before the submission of the question to our respective Parliaments rather than introduce a bill and then adjourn for further discussion until objections that may be raised have been solved.

(Sgd.) C. G. WADE.

Premier's Office, Melbourne, September 30.

Sir,—You are aware that the agreement provides in clauses 30 and 31 for the maintenance of the Murray within certain months for navigation purposes, and limits the diversion of water for the use of irrigation. The agreement also provides for a commission to prepare a general scheme of canalisation and locking during the construction, and after the completion of which diversions for irrigation may be increased, and after completion the delivery of water to the eastern boundary of South Australia is limited to 75,000,000,000 cubic feet, or such greater quantity as after experience the commission may find necessary to maintain navigation for boats drawing not more than 3ft. This Government has very carefully reviewed the whole situation on the increased experience it has gained, and with the greater knowledge of the facts that have to be considered. You will see that the main points are:—(1) Consideration of the construction of locks being proceeded with, and completed within some definite period. As the agreement now stands, the increase of water for irrigation might be deferred indefinitely to the very serious loss of the upper States, who at the same time are willing to provide the necessary funds for the completion of the works. This Government is of opinion that so long as it is agreeable to find the funds that are required, and on the recommendation of the Commissioners, that there should be some limit of time regarding the enormous quantities of water to be sent down the river to maintain navigation. (2) The Government is also of opinion that some limit should be placed on the outlay for locking; and as the estimate of locking between Blanchetown and Echuca on the Murray, and on the Murrumbidgee as far as Hay is about £2,500,000, the expenditure of the upper States should not exceed £1,750,000, which leaves a good margin on their two-thirds contribution. (3) The question has also been raised that the quantity of water agreed to be delivered at the eastern boundary of South Australia after locking is too great, considering the enormous quantity included for evaporation on the Lower Murray and the lakes. This Government feels that the 75,000,000,000 cubic feet, or such greater quantity as may be determined upon by the Commission, should be reduced to 50,000,000,000. I shall esteem it a favour if you, as senior Premier, will transmit the above suggested alterations to the Premier of South Australia, and if you will, if necessary, arrange for further conference for the questions raised to be again discussed and put into proper legal form.—(Signed) Thos. Bent, Premier.

The letters were considered in Cabinet on Monday, and the following reply was sent to Mr. Wade:—

Sir,—Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst., I have the honour to inform you that this Government agrees to be represented at a conference to be held in Melbourne, as suggested, at an early date, to discuss the question of the Murray waters, and is strongly in favour of the matter being finalised, so that bills may become law during the current session in all the States concerned.—(Signed) T. Price.

A RAILWAY MISHAP.

TRANGIE, Monday.

A collision occurred early yesterday between a goods train, bound west, which was stationary on the main road at the local station, and a stock train, bound east. Very little damage was done beyond smashing the cow-catcher of the sheep train engine and bumping a quantity of coke off the trucks of the goods train. The railway officials are very reticent, and an inquiry is to be held to-day.

GRUESOME CEREMONY.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

The municipal abattoirs were officially opened to-day by the Mayor, Alderman Ivey, in the presence of about 300 people, and the first sheep and cattle were killed amidst applause.

NEW CALEDONIA.

CONTINUED RETRENCHMENT.

NOUMEA, Sept. 30.

Retrenchment in the Government service is being carried out. Ten men of the gendarmerie and a lieutenant have been recalled to France.

The concentration of the convicts at headquarters—the Ile Nou—is being effected, and horses and cattle and stores belonging to the different stations or camps on the coast are being sold. This means that the services of a certain number of warders will be dispensed with. The Department of Justice is also being retrenched, principally in the higher branches.

The arrival of the Oui-Oui from France—a fine three-masted schooner of the American type, of 260 tons, having a carrying capacity of 400 tons, and with auxiliary motor power, is a notable event. After her departure from St. Malo (Brittany) on February 13, the captain fell from the rigging and was wounded dangerously. The vessel returned to port. A second mishap caused the vessel to leak, and enter port again. She finally left during March. The vessel will serve as a supply ship to the Pacifique. That the trade is increasing is shown by the fact that the Pacifique carried on her last trip to Noumea from the New Hebrides a cargo of 480 tons, composed of maize, copra, bananas, cocoa, and other island produce.

The fifty-fifth anniversary of the colony was celebrated on September 24. There was a whole week's rejoicing.

An official opening of the petroleum bore took place on September 4, the ceremony being performed by the Governor. Mr. Houston, the expert in charge of the work for Mr. J. D. Oswald, of Melbourne, tendered thanks for the friendly relations and facilities offered by the Government.

The funeral of Mr. Robert Schmidt, of Noumea, took place this morning, and was attended by a very large number of mourners, representative of all sections of the community. Deceased was one of a family of German settlers who arrived in the colony over 40 years ago.

OFFICIAL DELAYS.

NEARLY END IN TRAGEDY.

NOWRA, Monday.

At the prize-shooting by the Nowra Civilian Rifle Club to-day the marker, Philip Prott, narrowly escaped serious injury.

A squad of members were shooting at the 200 yards range, when the danger flag was suddenly exhibited. On the officer in charge going to the mantlet, he discovered the thick glass, forming the window, smashed to atoms, and the marker in a dazed condition, with a cut on the upper cheek, near the left ear. His goggles were off, and the framework was peppered with small, blurred marks, as if it had been struck by pieces of broken window-glass, or splashes from a bullet.

The firing was continued at another target, but after a few shots the window in this mantlet also was completely smashed, and the marker was alarmed, though not this time injured. Firing then ceased finally. It is supposed that the bullets were defective; but it was known that the targets had been unsatisfactory for a long time. Much surprise was expressed at the delay of the authorities in supplying canvas targets, as promised some years ago.

ALLEGED MURDER.

DEATH OF A MINER.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

At the police court this morning James Currie and Alfred Currie were charged, before the police magistrate, with having, in company, on Saturday, on a Government road between East Greta and Heddon-Greta, feloniously and maliciously murdered Timothy Mannix. Accused, who were represented by Mr. W. J. Enright, solicitor, were remanded till to-morrow, on the application of Inspector Sykes.

The Coroner, Mr. T. H. Wilkinson, P.M., opened an inquest at the court-house this morning concerning the death of Timothy Mannix, who died in the hospital on Saturday night from the result of injuries alleged to have been received at the hands of two assailants, James and Alfred Currie, who were arrested on a charge of murder. The evidence of Ellen Maud Mannix, deceased's widow, showed that deceased left home at 2.10 on Saturday afternoon on a bicycle to go to work at Heddon-Greta colliery, as usual. She did not see him until 6 in the evening, when he was unconscious in the hospital, and died without regaining consciousness. Deceased was a native of Branxton, 44 years of age.

At this stage, Inspector Sykes asked for an adjournment until to-morrow, which was granted.

DROWNED IN THE BREAKERS.

THE STOCKTON FATALITY.

BODY NOT YET RECOVERED.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The body of the unfortunate young man, Herbert Henry Cousins, who was drowned on Stockton beach on Sunday morning has not yet been recovered, although a diligent search has been maintained. Mr. Stanley Hudson, a cousin of the deceased, stated that when he went into the water along with Cousins and a companion named Abraham Kemp, there appeared to be no danger as the sea was rolling in lazily and no undertow was observable. Suddenly Cousins was seen to be swept out a distance of about 50 yards, where he made a frantic effort to swim in against the strong backwash which had unexpectedly sprung up. Hudson and Kemp went to his assistance, and supported him for some time, but as he had become exhausted they were unable to make any headway with the inanimate body. Kemp, who was also becoming exhausted, released his hold, and tried to reach the shore. Immediately he was caught in the undertow and was swept out like a flash to a considerable distance, where he remained floating, so as to regain his strength preparatory to making an attempt to come in. Hudson, who had in the meantime kept Cousins afloat, now found himself getting weak, and he too had to relinquish his hold of Cousins, who was then apparently dead. He then struck out for the beach, which he reached after a very severe battle. Turning round he saw no sign of Cousin's body, but as Kemp appeared to be in trouble he went out again to assist him. Both men then found it impossible to get back to the shore at that point, so they swam with the current for some distance, and eventually effected a landing in a very exhausted condition a couple of hundred yards to the north of it.

SHEARERS DISCHARGED.

INCIDENT AT ESCOTT PARK.

WERRIS CREEK, Monday.

Two points of rain fell on the Escott Park estate on the night of Tuesday, 29th ult., and the next afternoon—the sheep under cover having been shorn—the shearers intimated their intention to defer operating on a freshly yarded lot, on the ground that they were wet, until the following day after dinner.

Accordingly at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of October 1, when the bell was rung, the men resumed their machines. After shearing three or four sheep per man they held a consultation, and giving it as their unanimous opinion that the moisture had not been entirely evaporated from the sheeps' fleeces, they proclaimed a further postponement until 6 o'clock on the ensuing morning.

Mr. Butler, the proprietor, considered it absurd to suppose that traces of two points of rain received 36 hours previously should be still perceptible. The men, however, went to the hut.

Mr. Butler then counted one pen, and examined the rest carefully, when he summoned the men to the shed, and, informing them of his investigations, he said the sheep were not shorn to his satisfaction. The shearers looked rather blank, and said they could not shear better. "Very well, then; I will settle with you in the morning," was the reply. "I dismiss you for bad shearing."

The next morning the men all departed, and the Escott Park shed resumed operations this morning with a fresh team, and a full board.

NEW ZEALAND FINANCES.

A SATISFACTORY STATEMENT.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Monday.

In the House of Representatives on Friday Sir Joseph Ward made a statement as to the financial position of the Dominion. Despite large concessions through the Customs, he said, there had been an increase for the six months of the financial year of £337, compared with the corresponding period of last year. The increase for the year ended September 30 compared with the previous year amounted to £310,473. During the six-monthly period loans fell due amounting to £1,333,488, of which £1,136,050 carried interest at the rate of 4 per cent., and £197,438 at 3½ per cent. Of the total amount, £1,255,438 worth of debentures had been renewed and £78,050 redeemed by the issue of new debentures. Of the amount renewed £882,400, which formerly carried 4 per cent. interest, had been renewed at 3½ per cent.—a direct saving in interest to the Dominion of £4417 per annum. The balance was renewed on the same terms as those on which the maturing loans were raised.

VICTORIA.

BOARD OF WORKS RETRENCHMENT.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The reorganisation of the staff of the Metropolitan Board of Works will result in very substantial savings being effected. A good deal of work which was previously performed at the suburban branches is now being carried out at the central offices. A number of employees have been retired, and it is expected that the ultimate savings will amount to £5000 per annum.

MILK LOWERED.

The price of milk was reduced to-day from 5d to 4d per quart by the Melbourne and Suburban Master Dairymen's Association.

THE THEATRES.

"The Morals of Marcus" was seen for the first time in Melbourne last night, when it was produced by Mr. Herbert Flemming's Company at the Princess Theatre, and the play proved very acceptable to the large audience. The National Opera Company scored a decided success with "Maritana" at the Theatre Royal. It was a most charming performance. Miss Florence Baines revived "Miss Lancaster, Limited," before an appreciative house at the Bijou Theatre last evening. "The Taming of the Shrew," in which Miss Margaret Anglin and Henry Kolker have scored so marked a success, is drawing very good houses at Her Majesty's Theatre.

IRON BOUNTIES AND DEFENCE.

FEDERAL POLITICAL PROGRAMME.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

On meeting to-morrow, the House of Representatives will be given the Iron Bonus Bill to proceed with. The debate will open on the Treasurer's motion to reinstate it on the business paper—a formality which has stirred up a considerable amount of debate, and is likely to cause more in view of an amendment moved by Mr. Foster (a N.S.W. member of the Labour party) to defer it until the Government's financial statement has been delivered. It is argued that a measure, involving such a large expenditure as is contemplated, should not be placed before the House until the Estimates for the year are known. The Government says that all intended for the present is reinstatement of the bill in the programme.

Federal Ministers to-day stated that the decision to reduce the amount of money to be given in bounties under the Iron Bonus Bill was arrived at some time ago. The measure was in the hands of the Treasurer, and he was apparently saving the announcement for members when the bill reached the committee stage. It has not yet been definitely determined what the exact amount of the reduction will be. The bill as introduced last session provided for an expenditure of £304,000 in the production and manufacture of iron from Australian ore, but it is believed that the amount will be reduced by one-half.

The Defence Bill is the next business on the notice paper, and a long debate will doubtless ensue. The Labour party has an important point under consideration, namely, the payment of men while under training in camp. This matter is being dealt with by a committee of the corner, which is to meet to-morrow.

Last week, in the House of Representatives, Mr. Ewing announced that the Military Board approved of the principles of the Defence Bill, and to-day he stated that the board also expressed the opinion that there should be no interference with the present system until it was clear that there was at least an equally effective and more numerous body ready to perform the work carried out by existing forces.

In the Senate the Navigation Bill will be continued. Mr. Reid's effort to effect a fusion of those on the Opposition side of the House will be brought to something like a tangible form at a meeting on Wednesday. The Opposition corner will then consider Mr. Reid's proposals.

RUN OVER BY COAL TRUCK.

RAILWAY GUARD KILLED.

KURRI KURRI, Monday.

John Conn, a railway guard, employed by the East Greta Coal Company, was engaged shunting a coal train at Stanford-Merthyr on Saturday, when his foot slipped, and a truck passed over the right leg, severing it between the knee and the ankle. First aid was rendered by the driver, and Cann was conveyed to Kurri Hospital, where an operation was performed.

Later.

The railway guard, John William Conn, who was run over at Stanford-Merthyr on Saturday, died in Kurri Kurri Hospital yesterday. The Coroner, Mr. George Brown, held an inquiry, and found a verdict of accidental death.

CITY BURGLARIES.

TWO FIRMS VISITED.

Burglars were busy in the city between Saturday night and yesterday morning, the premises of two firms having been entered during the period mentioned. Mr. J. Mannix, boot merchant, 634 George-street, reported that his shop had been broken into, and, on an inspection being made, it was found that the stock had been thoroughly overhauled by the thieves, and several pairs of boots were discovered in a lane at the back of the shop. The object of the thieves, however, appears to have been money, for they forced a till, and took the contents, which, it is estimated, consisted of about £2 10s. The safe appears to have escaped their notice, as it was not tampered with.

The police were also informed yesterday morning that the premises of A. H. Burnett and Co., Ltd., wholesale grocers, in Sussex-street, had been entered. A padlock on one of the doors had been forced, but the thieves obtained nothing valuable, money again being the object of their search.

LADIES' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE VICTORIAN CONTESTS.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Victorian ladies' golf championship was begun to-day in ideal weather at Sandringham.

With no wind to worry them, and everything in their favour, the ladies returned some good cards. The ladies' bogey of the course is 91, and two of the competitors in the championship were up on "The Colonel," while one (last year's champion) tied with him.

Over 20 ladies competed in the championship, and at the end of the first round Miss Bell led with an evenly-played 88, Miss E. Raleigh was 89, while Mrs. Gatehouse, who most unaccountably failed on the greens, returned a card of 91. Miss Bell's card is a remarkably even one, 44 out and 44 home. She went to Sydney to take part in the recent Australasian championships, but owing to illness had to draw out.

The other principal scores were:—Miss Fraser, 94; Miss Wise, 96; Miss Bowie, 96; Miss Rippon, 97; Mrs. Fairbairn, 98; Mrs. M'Conochie, 98; Mrs. Lindon, 100; Mrs. Blackwood, 101; Miss M'Culloch, 102.

The other two rounds will be played to-morrow and Wednesday. An interesting event was the competition for the gold medal of the Victorian Golf Union. During the year the various clubs conduct competitions of four rounds for a silver medal, and the winners of these play off at the championship meeting. This prize is highly valued by the ladies, and the winner, Mrs. H. M. O'Hara (Royal Melbourne), 101—17—84, was heartily congratulated.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Australian Women's National League will be represented by 140 delegates at the Commonwealth Conference, which commences in Sydney on Monday next.

Y.M.C.A. MISSION.

A large crowd of men assembled at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night, despite the fact that it was a public holiday, to listen to an address by the Rev. David Russell, from South Africa. His topic was "Christ's Method of Dealing with Men," and he dealt with his subject in an interesting, chatty manner, holding the attention of his audience throughout. Mr. J. J. Virgo contributed solos. Mr. Russell will commence a series of midday meetings at the Y.M.C.A. to-day at 1.30, and will continue his evening meetings throughout the week.

FACE PIMPLES and BAD COMPLEXION.

By its action on the Kidneys and Blood FISHER'S PHOSPHERINE removes Uric Acid from the system, and disfiguring Pimples from the face.
Invaluable for young people.
Easy to take.
"Five drops in water make a dose."
All Chemists, 1s per bottle; four times the quantity, 2s 6d.
A Certain Cure for Rheumatism.
***The Pimple is the pinnacle which tells the PUBLIC that you have URIC ACID in the blood. The twinges of Rheumatism are an indicator to YOURSELF that you have URIC ACID in the blood. And this Advertisement is to let the universe know how to get rid of the LOT.—Advt.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Oct. 5.

Arawatta, s, 2114 tons, Captain Wm. C. Thomson, from Cooktown, Port Douglas, Cairns, Townsville, Bowen, Mackay, Rockhampton, and Brisbane. Passengers:—Saloon, 60; steerage, 65. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.
Aramac, s, 2114 tons, Captain James Grahl, from Melbourne. Passengers:—Saloon, 30; steerage, 15. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.
Cufic, s, 4249 tons, Captain Thomson, from Liverpool, via Adelaide and Melbourne. Dalgety and Co., Limited, agents.
Niwaru, s, 6443 tons, Captain Hollis, from London, via Melbourne. Tyser and Co., agents.
Langton Grange, s, 5881 tons, Captain Graves, from London, via Adelaide and Melbourne. Houlder Brothers and Co., Limited, agents.
Telamon, s, 4509 tons, Captain Walker, from Brisbane. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Limited, agents.
Grantala, s, 3655 tons, Captain Sim, from Fremantle, via ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.
Glaucus, s, 1363 tons, Captain Keats, from Devonport. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Limited, agents.
Ramornie, s, 546 tons, Captain Hird, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.
Duranbah, s, 284 tons, from Tweed River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.
Cooloon, s, 258 tons, Captain Colvin, from Coff's Harbour. Langley Brothers, agents.
Tuncurry, s, 192 tons, Captain O'Bierne, from Cape Hawke. Allen Taylor and Co., Limited, agents.
Karitane, s, 1376 tons, Captain H. Binney, from Devonport. P. W. Jackson, agent.
Meissen, s, 4487 tons, Captain Schuett, from Brisbane. German-Australian S.S. Company, agents.
Buninyong, s, 2070 tons, Captain J. M. Snow, from Brisbane. Passengers:—Saloon, 6; steerage, 5. Howard Smith Company, Limited, agents.
Peterborough, s, 150 tons, Captain Basclain, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.
Moruya, s, 191 tons, Captain Ivory, from Tweed River. B. M. Corrigan and Co., agents.
Period, s, 2748 tons, Captain J. Banks, from Melbourne. Howard Smith Company, Limited, agents.
Gymeric, s, 4002 tons, Captain Hall, from San Francisco, via Auckland. Howard Smith Company, Limited, agents.
Mintaro, s, 2287 tons, Captain Hall, from Cairns, via ports, en route to Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

DEPARTURE.—Oct. 5.

H.M.S. Prometheus, for New Hebrides.
Sydney, F.M.S., for Marseilles, via ports.
Navarino, s, for Newcastle, en route from Auckland.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Oct. 6.

Sildra, s, for Nauru; Pilbarra, s, for Fremantle, via ports; Aramac, s, for Cooktown, via ports; Arawatta, s, for Melbourne; Buninyong, s, for Rockhampton, via ports; Zealandia, s, for Hobart; Woy Woy, s, for Gosford, Wyong, and Brisbane Water; Hawkesbury, s, and Narara, s, both for Hawkesbury River; Coomonderry, s, for Shoalhaven River wharfs and Berry; Noorebar, s, for Coff's Harbour and Trial Bay; Moruya, s, for Wollongong, Kiama, Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, and Nelligen; Cooloon, s, for Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga; Ramornie, s, for Richmond River; Yulgilbar, s, for Macleay River; Nerong, s, for Nambucca River; Duranbah, s, for Tweed River, via Newcastle; Orara, s, for Byron Bay; Eden, s, for Bermagui, Tathra, Merimbula, and Eden; Peterborough, s, for Nowra, and Bomaderry; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke, Kramback, and Nabiac; Bellinger, s, for Camden Haven.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Mooltan, from London, bound to Sydney, arrived at Melbourne early yesterday morning.
The R.M.S. Orontes, from Sydney, bound to London, arrived at Melbourne early yesterday morning.

THE WARSHIPS.

H.M.S. Prometheus, having been recommissioned, was despatched from Sydney at 4.50 p.m. yesterday, on her return to the New Hebrides Group.
H.M.S. Fantome, which is employed in survey work inside the Great Barrier Reef, arrived at Cairns on Saturday.

VERMONT ON THE COAST.

The steamer Vermont, laden with phosphates, from Ocean Island, and bound for Melbourne, via Sydney Heads, signalled Seal Rocks, 100 miles distant, at 1.40 p.m. yesterday. She will heave-to off the Heads to transfer her passengers and mails for Sydney to a tug which will be sent to meet her.

THE NEW COLLIER BELLAMBI.

The Bellambi, a modern collier of a very useful type, specially designed and built for the Sydney coal and bunkering trade, arrived at Albany yesterday, on her way from Glasgow, bound to Bellambi and Sydney. She is owned by the Bellambi Coal Company, and is in charge of Captain Mears. The run from Glasgow to the Western Australian port occupied 53 days.

THE MILTIADES DUE TO-NIGHT.

The Aberdeen liner Miltiades is expected to return to Sydney to-night from her visit to Brisbane and Newcastle. She was to have left the northern port at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and on arrival will berth at Miller's Point. The Miltiades is timed to sail at noon on Saturday for London, via Capetown and ports.

DEPARTURE OF THE SYDNEY.

The French mail steamer Sydney, of the fleet of the Messageries Maritimes, was despatched yesterday for Marseilles, via ports. The Noumea passengers by the Pacifique, which arrived on the previous night, were transferred early in the morning, together with the mails from New Caledonia. Among the passengers for Marseilles were 87 time-expired seamen from the French gunboat Zelee.

The strong southerly which prevailed yesterday morning caught the Sydney just as she was leaving her wharf at Miller's Point, and as a result her bow came into contact with the wharf. The damage done was only of a trivial character, and the mail steamer proceeded on her journey without delay.

AYRSHIRE DUE THIS MORNING.

The Federal-Houlder-Shire liner Ayrshire, from Liverpool and Capetown, via Adelaide and Melbourne, is due at Sydney at an early hour this morning. She signalled Green Cape at 11.50 yesterday morning.

THE PERSIC AT CAPETOWN.

A private cablegram was received last night intimating that the White Star liner Persic arrived at Capetown on Sunday last, en route from Sydney, bound to London and Liverpool.

THE OCEANIEN DUE AT DAYLIGHT.

The French mail steamer Oceanien of the fleet of the Messageries Maritimes should enter Sydney Heads at daylight from Marseilles, via ports, en route to Noumea. She passed Green Cape at [illegible] a.m. yesterday.

NEW CALEDONIA SHIPPING.

The French barque Duguay-Trouin, 1932 tons, in ballast, from Havre, via Glasgow, arrived at Noumea to load ore on Sept. 23.
The French barque Bressard, in ballast, from Glasgow, arrived at Tchio on Sept. 22 to load nickel ore.

GYMERIC ARRIVES FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

The steamer Gymeric, running under the auspices of the Australian mail line, arrived late last night from San Francisco, via ports, and cast anchor at [illegible] p.m. off Chowder Bay. Upon passing the health officer this morning she will be berthed at her wharf.
The cargo includes 3,000,000ft of lumber and 500 tons of general merchandise. Captain Hall reports having encountered very strong winds from the SW and NW on the run across from Auckland.

BLUE FUNNEL COASTAL TRADER.

Advices from London received yesterday stated that a new steamer christened the Gordon, and built to the order of Alfred Holt and Co., of Liverpool, was launched on Aug. 27 from the yards of Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company at Greenock.
It is stated that the Gordon is intended for the Australian coast trade. She is a vessel of 2700 tons gross, and her principal dimensions are:—Length, 300ft; breadth, 42ft; and depth 25½ft.

ANOTHER STAR LINER BUILDING.

According to advices to hand by yesterday's English mail the Star Line, Ltd. (Messrs. J. P. Corry and Co.), London, have contracted with Messrs. Workman, Clark, and Co., Belfast, for the construction of a twin-screw steamer, 460ft in length, and 58ft in breadth, to replace the steamer Star of Japan. She is to steam about 12½ knots, and will be fitted with refrigerating machinery.
This vessel, which is intended for the Australian and New Zealand trade, will be the eighth steamer built by Messrs. Workman, Clark, and Co., for Messrs. Corry.

NEW TUG FOR NEW ZEALAND.

It is reported that Messrs. Fleming and Ferguson, Paisley, have received an order from the Auckland (N.Z.) Harbour Board for the construction of a powerful twin-screw tug.

MORE BLUE FUNNEL STEAMERS.

The English mail brings accounts of the ceremony of launching the steamer Theseus, built by Messrs. Workman, Clark, and Co., Ltd., of Belfast, for the Ocean Steamship Company, Ltd. (Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co., Ltd.), of Liverpool. The new vessel is 460ft in length, with a gross tonnage of 6800, and is the eighteenth steamer built in these works for the Ocean Steamship Company's fleet. The fore and aft girder principle of construction has been adopted throughout the vessel, thus ensuring unobstructed space in the cargo holds and 'tween decks and allowing stowage of the largest class of consignments. Each of the four holds has a large hatchway efficiently equipped with suitable winches, derricks, and other appliances necessary for expeditiously handling cargo. The propelling machinery consists of a set of triple-expansion engines, complete with the auxiliaries and supplied with steam from two double-ended cylindrical multitubular boilers, an auxiliary boiler being provided for supplying steam to the deck machinery.
The steamer Perseus, also built by Messrs. Workman, Clark, and Co., Ltd., for the Ocean Steamship Company of Liverpool, was taken on her official trials on August 28. She is 460ft in length, with a gross tonnage of 6800. The construction of the vessel is on the fore and aft girder principle, thus securing the maximum of unobstructed space in the cargo holds, which are, therefore, capable of accommodating exceptionally large consignments. The cargo space is divided into four large compartments and two smaller ones, which are also arranged for use as deep-water ballast tanks. Accommodation is provided in state rooms on the boat deck for a number of saloon passengers, and in the foredeck for steerage passengers, while the space at the after end of the main deck has been arranged for the accommodation of emigrants. The ventilation of all the passenger space has been carefully attended to, so as to ensure the utmost comfort in the hot climate in which the vessel will trade, and an efficient heating installation on the hot water system has been fitted for the cooler latitudes. There is electric lighting throughout, with powerful projectors for the passage through the Suez Canal. The machinery consists of a set of triple expansion engines of the most improved type, having all the necessary auxiliary appliances, and supplied with steam from two single-ended cylindrical multitubular boilers, an additional similar boiler being provided for supplying steam to the deck machinery. The vessel, after adjustment of compasses in the Carrick Roads, underwent her speed trials and auxiliary machinery tests, all of which were successfully carried out, an average speed of 14½ knots being attained on a succession of runs over the measured mile course.

THE ABERDEEN LINERS.

The Marathon, which left London Sept. 30, is due at Capetown Oct. 21, Melbourne Nov. 9, and at Sydney Nov. 13.
The Miltiades will sail from Sydney Oct. 10, and will leave Melbourne Oct. 14. She is due at Durban Nov. 4, Capetown Nov. 9, and at London Nov. 30.
The Moravian, which left Plymouth Sept. 2, and Capetown Sept. 25, is due at Melbourne Oct. 15, and at Sydney Oct. 19.
The Pericles left Sydney Sept. 12, and Melbourne Sept. 16. She is due at Durban to-morrow, Capetown Oct. 12, and at London Nov. 2.
The Salamis, which left Sydney Aug. 15, and Melbourne Aug. 19, arrived at Durban Sept. 10. She is due at London Oct. 8.

THE WHITE STAR LINERS.

The Afric left Liverpool Sept. 24, and is due at Capetown Oct. 14, Albany Oct. 29, Adelaide Nov. 3, Melbourne Nov. 6, and at Sydney Nov. 13.
The Medic, which left Liverpool Aug. 27, and Capetown Sept. 17, is due at Adelaide Oct. 6, Melbourne Oct. 9, and at Sydney Oct. 16.
The Persic left Sydney Sept. 4, and Melbourne Sept. 9. She is due at Capetown to-day, and at London Oct. 25.
The Runic, which left Sydney Oct. 2, will leave Melbourne to-morrow. She is due at Durban Oct. 29, Capetown Nov. 3, and at London Nov. 25.
The Suevic, which left Sydney Aug. 8, and Melbourne Aug. 12, arrived at Capetown Sept. 5, and at London Sept. 26.
The Cufic, which left Liverpool Aug. 13, and Adelaide Sept. 29, arrived at Melbourne Oct. 1, and is due at Sydney Oct. 5.
The Tropic left Sydney Sept. 19, and Melbourne Sept. 24, and is due at London Nov. 14.
The Ceric is to sail from Sydney Oct. 16, and is due in London Dec. 16.

FEDERAL-HOULDER-SHIRE LINES.

Messrs. Birt and Co., Ltd., Sydney agents for the undermentioned steamers, report movement as follows:—
The Cornwall arrived at Avonmouth Sept. 26. The Devon left Liverpool Sept. 19 for Sydney and N.Z. ports. The Dorset arrived at London Sept. 5. The Durham left Adelaide Sept. 30 for London, via Suez Canal. The Norfolk left Wellington Sept. 24 for Avonmouth. The Essex arrived at London Aug. 3 from Australia. The Kent is loading in Queensland for South Africa and London. The Somerset leaves Adelaide 8th inst for London and Liverpool, via Canal. The Suffolk left Liverpool Sept. 12 for Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane. The Surrey left Liverpool Aug. 22 for N.Z. ports. The Sussex is at London. The Ayrshire arrived at Melbourne 2nd inst from Liverpool. The Banffshire left London Sept. 30 for Brisbane. The Fifeshire left Wellington Aug. 27 for Avonmouth. The Morayshire arrived at Avonmouth Aug. 19. The Nairnshire left London Sept. 9 for Melbourne and Sydney. The Perthshire arrived at London Aug. 27 from Australia. The Waipara is en route from Capetown to London. The Carpentaria arrived at Durban 26th September en route to London.
Messrs. Houlder Brothers and Co., Limited, managing agents for the undermentioned steamers, report movements as follows:—
The Oswestry Grange, which sailed from Liverpool July 2 for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports, is at Dunedin. The Langton Grange, which sailed from London Aug. 9 for Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney, is at Sydney. The Everton Grange, which sailed from Melbourne Aug. 18 for London and Liverpool, via Angra Pequena, left Angra Pequena Sept. 18. The Drayton Grange sailed from Adelaide Sept. 19 for London, Liverpool, and Bristol, via Port Said and Malta. The Rippingham Grange, which sailed from Liverpool July 28 for New Zealand ports, is at Auckland.

LUND'S BLUE ANCHOR LINE.

The Commonwealth is due in London on 21st inst.
The Geelong leaves London for Australia on 13th inst., and is due at Capetown on Nov. 4, Adelaide Nov. 23, Melbourne Nov. 27, and Sydney Dec. 1.
The Narrung arrived at Adelaide on 1st inst., and should leave Melbourne to-day, arriving in Sydney on 10th inst.
The Wakool is due in Durban on Oct. 17, Capetown Oct. 22, and London Nov. 14.
The Wilcannia is due at Capetown on 8th inst., Adelaide 28th inst., Melbourne Nov. 1, and Sydney Nov. 5.

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The Sarpedon is due in London on 15th inst. The Telamon leaves Sydney homewards on 13th inst. The Polyphemus is due in London about Nov. 8. The Yangtsze should leave Melbourne to-day, and is due in Sydney on 10th inst. The Stentor is due in Adelaide about 21st inst., Melbourne 25th inst., and Sydney 29th inst. The Patroclus left Adelaide on 4th inst. and is due in Dunkirk about Nov. 11, and London Nov. 13. The Agamemnon was to have left Glasgow on 3rd inst. The Tydeus arrived at Brisbane on Saturday.

AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

Messrs. Birt and Co., Ltd., and Houlder Bros. and Co., Ltd., joint agents, report movements of their New York steamers as follows:—The Como, which sailed from New York June 25 for Australian ports, left Sydney Oct. 2 for Brisbane. The Spithead, which sailed from New York July 16 for Australian ports, is at Melbourne. The Clan Matheson, which sailed from New York July 25 for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports, is at Sydney. The Kazembe, which sailed from New York Aug. 15 for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports, is at Melbourne. The Clan Macintosh sailed from New York Aug. 28 for Australian ports. The Gowanburn sailed from New York Sept. 25 for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports. The Swazi is to sail from New York Oct. [illegible] for Australian ports. The Strathdon is to sail from New York Oct. 28 for Australian ports. The Abertour is to sail from New York Nov. 4 for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports. The Frankdale is to sail from New York Dec. 9 for Australian ports.

BUCKNALL STEAMSHIP LINES, LIMITED.

The Baralong, now at Sydney, will go into dry dock to-day, and will afterwards take the wool berth for Dunkirk, London, and Antwerp, in the order named, sailing from Sydney on 19th inst. Kazembe, now at Melbourne, after discharging cargo from New York will load wool for London and Continent. The Bucetos, now at Dunedin, is expected to leave there to-day for Sydney for docking.

HOULDER LINE, LIMITED.

Messrs. Houlder Brothers and Co., Ltd., report that the steamer Hornby Grange, which sailed from Vladivostock Sept. 24, for Sydney, left Nagasaki Sept. 28.

BURNS, PHILP'S ISLAND SERVICES.

Solomon Islands-Papua Service.—The Makambo, bound for Cooktown, via the Solomons and Papua, is due at Port Moresby on the 9th, and Cooktown 14th inst. The Moresby, from Papua and the Solomons, is due at Brisbane on the 8th, and Sydney 12th inst.
New Hebrides Service.—The Malaita, proceeding to the New Hebrides, is due at Norfolk Island on the 7th, and Vila on the 11th inst., where she will connect with the Tambo, inward bound. The Tambo is in the New Hebrides.
Gilbert Islands Service.—The Muniara, from the Gilbert Islands, is due in Sydney about the 16th inst.
Marshall Islands Service.—The Induna is in the Marshalls.
Singapore Service.—The Airlie, outward bound for Singapore, is due at Port Darwin on the 14th, Samarang on the 21st, and Singapore 24th inst. The Guthrie, from Singapore, is due at Thursday Island on the 10th, Brisbane 17th, and Sydney 24th inst.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

CAIRNS (1460m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Aldenham, s, from Hongkong; Urilla, s, from Newcastle.
TOWNSVILLE (1370m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Maranoa, s, Chyebassa, s, both from Brisbane; Swordfish, bqtn, from Maryborough.
ROCKHAMPTON (920m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Burwah, s, from Sydney. Dep: Oct. 5, Chillagoe, s, for Sydney; Wawoon, s, for Bundaberg.
KEPPEL BAY (877m).—Dep: Oct. 4, Cooma, s, for Sydney; Wodonga, s, for Cooktown.
MARYBOROUGH (680m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Dancing Wave, sh, from Townsville.
BRISBANE (500m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Yongala, s, Peregrine, s, Time, s, all from Sydney; Queensland, s, Kuranda, s, both from Rockhampton.
TWEED HEADS (374m).—Passed: Oct. 5, a two-masted steamer, with yellow funnel, black top, at 5.25 a.m., a large two-masted steamer at 8.30 a.m., Time, s, at 10.16 a.m., a large two-masted steamer, in deep trim, at 3 p.m., all north.
BYRON BAY (345m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Cavanba, s, at 3.30 a.m., from Sydney. Passed: Oct. 5, Vine Branch, s, at 12.15 p.m., north.
RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Brundah, s, at 5.5 a.m., Macleay, s, at 1.40 p.m., both from Sydney. Dep: Oct. 5, City of Grafton, s, at 4.15 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: Oct. 5, Whakarua, s, at 11 a.m., south.
CLARENCE HEADS (290m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Kyogle, s, at 6 a.m., from Sydney.
WOOLGOOLGA (254m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Dorrigo, s, at 10.30 a.m., from Sydney.
SOUTH SOLITARY ISLAND (250m).—Passed: Oct. 5, a large steamer, with yellow funnel, black top, at 5.50 p.m., south.
BELLINGER (230m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Rosedale, s, at 3.30 p.m., from Sydney.
NAMBUCCA RIVER (223m).—Dep: Oct. 5, Wave, ketch, at 2 p.m., for Sydney.
PORT MACQUARIE (174m).—Dep: Oct. 5, Hastings, s, at 3.30 p.m., for Sydney.
CROWDY HEADS (147m).—Passed: Oct. 5, a large steamer, with red funnel, black top, at 9.20 a.m., south.
MANNING HEADS (144m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Alfred Fenning, ketch, at 5.30 a.m., from Sydney.
SEAL ROCKS (100m).—Passed: Oct. 5, St. George, s, at 5.50 p.m., north; a vessel, like one of the Aberdeen Company's steamers, at 12.45 p.m., a steamer flying flags like RQSK at 1.40 p.m., both south.
PORT STEPHENS (83m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Stormking, s, at 9.20 a.m., a Government tug at 10 a.m., Aimee, s, and Genoa, ketch, anchored in Nelson's Bay. Passed: Oct. 5, a fore-and-aft schooner, at 7 a.m., north; a ketch at 7.30 a.m., Ellerslie, s, at 8.15 a.m., point steamer with punt in tow at 11 a.m., Hawk, s, at 11.55 a.m., Stormking, s, at 12.30 p.m., a large steamer at 4.10 p.m., all south.
NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Earl of Carrick, s, from Adelaide; Archer, s, Sphene, s, Beagle, s, Tiberius, s, St. George, s, Friendship, s, Navarino, s, Helen Nicoll, s, all from Sydney; Hawke, s, Burwah, s, Stormking, s, all from Port Stephens. Dep: Oct. 5, Southern Cross, bqtn, for Auckland; St. George, s, for Richmond River; Stormking, s, for Port Stephens; Beagle, s, Sphene, s, Archer, s, Helen Nicoll, s, Linda Fell, s, Hawke, s, Pibarra, s, and Mokoia, s, all for Sydney; Age, s, for Melbourne; Friendship, s, for the Tweed; Kincumber, s, for Manning River.
CATHERINE HILL BAY (48m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Lubra, s, at 7 a.m., from Sydney.
LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS.—Arr: Oct. 5, Gaigabba, ketch, at 3.15 p.m., from Sydney.
SOUTH HEAD (4m).—Passed: Oct. 5, Earl of Carrick, s, at 2.35 p.m., north.
WOLLONGONG (44m).—Dep: Oct. 5, Peterborough, s, at 11 a.m., for Sydney.
JERVIS BAY (87m).—Passed: Oct. 5, Period, s, at 11.50 a.m., Changsha, s, at 6 p.m., both north; a steamer, like Lammeroo, at 5.35 a.m., south.
BATEMAN'S BAY (134m).—Dep: Oct. 5, Moruya, s, at 2.20 p.m., Hillmeads, s, at 2.45 p.m., both for Sydney.
MORUYA HEADS (141m).—Dep: Oct. 5, Coomonderry, s, at 3 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: Oct. 5, Tathra, s, at 5.45 p.m., north.
BERMAGUI SOUTH (160m).—Dep: Oct. 5, Tathra, s, at 2.30 p.m., for Sydney.
GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: Oct. 5, Oceanien, F.M.S., at 9 a.m., Ayrshire, s, at 11.50 a.m., both north; Lady Mildred, s, at 10 a.m., a large str. at 6.15 p.m., both south.
WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426m).—Passed inward: Oct. 5, Sheila, s, at 7.30 a.m., Barwon, s, at 11.25 a.m. Passed outward: Oct. 5, Winfield, s, at 9.5 a.m.
MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Mooltan, R.M.S., from London; Surada, s, from Calcutta; Orontes, R.M.S., Gneisenau, G.M.S., Bombala, s, and Kanowna, s, all from Sydney; Perth, s, from Newcastle; Koleya, s, from Flinders Bay; Allinga, s, from Cairns, via Sydney; New Guinea, s, from Newcastle; Ouraka, s, from Newcastle. Dep: Oct. 5, Loongana, s, for Launceston.
LAUNCESTON (509m).—Arr: Oct. 4, Kakapo, s, at 10.28 a.m., from Newcastle. Oct. 5, Wareatea, s, at 11.45 a.m., from Melbourne.
HOBART (648m).—Dep: Oct. 4, Crillon, sh, at 6.30 a.m., for Portland, Oregon.
ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Cooeyanna, s, from Western Australia; Offenbach, s, from the eastern States.
ALBANY (2100m).—Arr: Oct. 4, Bellambi, s, from Glasgow. Oct. 5, Kilbride, s, at 7 a.m., from Fremantle.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1239m).—Arr: Oct. 5, Athenic, s, from London; Dartford, sh, from Newcastle.
BLUFF (1107m).—Dep: Oct. 5, Ulimaroa, s, for Melbourne.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

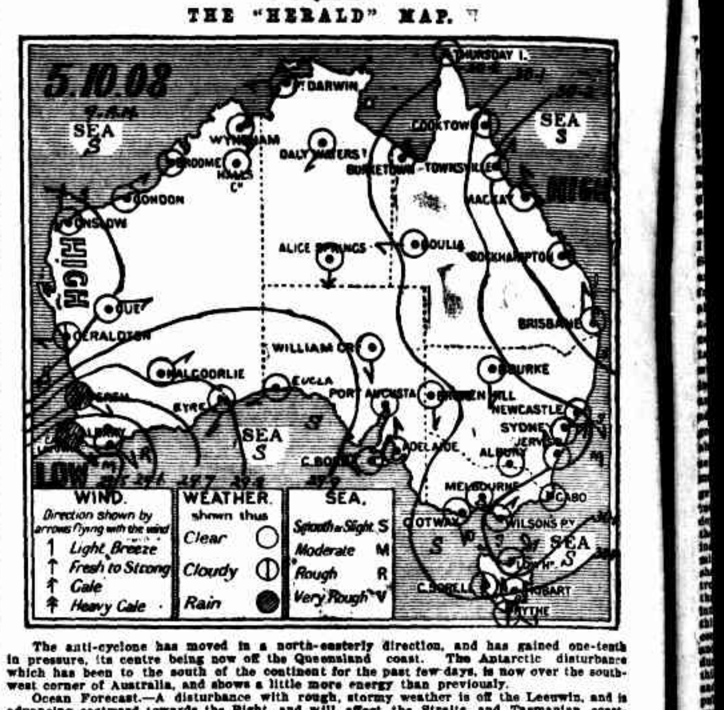
South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 8 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Coff's Harbour and Coff's Harbour Jetty.—Noorebar, 8 a.m.
Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Hobart (direct).—Zealandia, noon.
Nauru, via Ocean Island (direct).—Sildra, 3 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawk, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Orontes, 5.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Orontes (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—R.M.S. Orontes, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.
Noumea (direct).—Oceanien, 8 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Orara, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Tonga, Samoa, and Fiji, via Auckland.—Atua, 11 a.m.
Auckland, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Mokoia, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Manila (P.I.), Hongkong, and Japan, via Brisbane.—Yawata Maru, 3.45 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



The anti-cyclone has moved in a north-easterly direction, and has gained one-tenth in pressure, its centre being now off the Queensland coast. The Antarctic disturbance which has been to the south of the continent for the past few days, is now over the south-west corner of Australia, and shows a little more energy than previously.

Ocean Forecast.—A disturbance with rough, stormy weather is off the Leeuwin, and is advancing eastward towards the Bight, and will affect the Straits and Tasmanian coastline.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Monday.

Sydney rainfall, average for 49 years, 48.335 inches.
Average for 50 years from January 1 to September 30, 4165 points.
Total rainfall from January 1, 1908, to date, 4235 points.
Total for corresponding period of previous year, 2753 points.
Barometer.—At 9 a.m., 30.075; at 3 p.m., 30.000; at 9 p.m., 30.207.
Temperature.—At 9 a.m., 67.2; at 3 p.m., 65.4; at 9 p.m., 61.0; maximum, 71.6; minimum, 55.
Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 55; at 3 p.m., 73; at 9 p.m., 58.
Wind.—Greatest velocity, 35 miles, from the south, at 9.20 a.m.

SYNOPSES.

New South Wales (for the 48 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Fine and warm weather ruled throughout, not a single station reporting rainfall.
Victoria.—Overcast in central west and on parts of south-east coast, and raining at few places; elsewhere fine, with scattered clouds.
South Australia.—Fine and warm, with scattered clouds generally.
Queensland.—Fine but cloudy parts of north-east coast; elsewhere fine and clear.

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

Victoria (for the 48 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Light rain recorded southern half and on ranges, moderate in the south-east.
South Australia.—Very light rain recorded in extreme south and south-east.
Queensland.—No rain recorded.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30.02; Geraldton, 30.04; Perth, 29.77; Esperance Bay, 29.75; Eucla, 29.85; Streaky Bay, 29.78; Adelaide, 29.95; Robe, 30.02; Portland, 30.04; Melbourne, 30.04; Wilson's Promontory, 30.10; Cape St George, 30.12; Sydney, 30.08; Newcastle, 30.09; Port Macquarie, 30.18; Clarence Heads, 30.22; Brisbane, 30.24; Rockhampton, 30.22; Mackay, 30.23.

TEMPERATURES.

Hobart (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Maximum 65, minimum 46; Perth, 69, 57; Adelaide, 82, 53; Melbourne, 78, 52; Brisbane, 82, 51.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on Monday were as follow:—Albury, 12ft 4in; Balranald, 11ft; Bingara, 1ft 3in, f; Boggabilla, 1ft 6in, f; Booligal, 8ft 6in, r; Bourke, 12ft 6in, f; Brewarrina, 12ft, f; Collarendabri, 1ft, f; Condobolin, 2ft 8in, f; Dubbo, l; Euabalong, 9ft 1in; Euston, 17ft 1in, Goodooga, l; Gundagai, 4ft 9in; Gunnedah, l; Hillston, 8ft 9in, r; Kunopia, l; Louth, 15ft; Menindie, 6ft 5in; Moama, 21ft 9in; Mogil Mogil, 1ft 6in, f; Moulamein, 6ft 10in; Mungundi, 6ft 3in, f; Narrandera, 12ft 8in; Pooncarie, 7ft 8in; Tilpa, 13ft 6in, r; Tocumwal, 10ft; Wagga Wagga, 6ft 6in; Wentworth, 11ft 1in; Wilcannia, 12ft 2in, r; Yetman, l; Barwon River at Walgett, 15ft, f; Namoi River at Walgett, 9ft, f.
Note.—R, rising; f, falling; l, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, NW, hazy, sea slight; Byron Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, N, light, hazy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, NE, light, hazy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N, light, hazy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, NW, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, W, light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, SW, light, hazy, sea slight; Port Stephens, S, light, hazy, sea smooth; Newcastle, SW, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, W, light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, W, light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, S, light, hazy, sea smooth; South Head, WSW, light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, calm, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, NE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ulladulla, E, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, NE, moderate, cloudy, sea slight; Eden, NE, light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, NE, light, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Fine and warm to hot generally, with the exception of some cloud areas and showers in the extreme south-east; northerly winds chiefly.
Western Australia.—Showery in the south-west and on south coast and southern parts of fields, with squally, strong winds; north-westerly to south-westerly winds, and rough weather off the south-west coast.
South Australia.—For the present fine and warm, with northerly winds and falling barometers; but another disturbance is approaching from the west, and will affect western districts very shortly.
Queensland.—Fine throughout, warm inland; southerly and south-westerly winds on the coast, easterly to northerly inland.
Victoria.—Fine and warm, with calms; later freshening northerly winds and scattered clouds.
Tasmania.—Fine and mild, with scattered clouds and light northerly winds.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR OCT. 7.

Sun rises at 5.35, sets at 6.1; Moon, 2.1 p.m., 2.55 a.m.; Mercury, 6.25 a.m., 8.5 p.m.; Venus, 3.28 a.m., 3.25 p.m.; Mars, 4.53 a.m., 4.47 p.m.; Jupiter, 3.52 a.m., 3.1 p.m.; Saturn, 5.20 p.m., 5.30 a.m.
Full Moon, Oct 10 at 7.8 a.m.
High water at Fort Denison, 5.7 a.m., and 5.40 p.m.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

FINANCIAL.

PROPOSED INSURANCE INVESTIGATION.

Matters relating to insurance in the Federal sphere come under the care of the Minister for Internal Affairs. It is interesting therefore to know what Mr. Groom thinks of the suggestion for a select committee to inquire into the working of fire and life insurance offices. Mr. Groom says:—"As regards fire insurance, it is necessary to investigate, first, the general methods of doing business, and, secondly, the forms of policy in vogue. I should like to see a standard policy adopted. Some elasticity would no doubt be desirable, and it would be for Parliament to say, in framing such a policy, what portions of it should, and what portions of it should not, be capable of variation. I should not, however, care to frame such a policy without first obtaining the opinions of those interested as to what would be fair conditions to impose. The inquiry ought to be into something more than an inquiry into management. It would be of advantage to hear the opinion of members generally upon a subject which is so obviously above party. It is a matter affecting very seriously very many individuals in the community, because, to the credit of Australians generally, it can be said that the duty of the individual to insure for the benefit of those dependent upon him is widely recognised in the Commonwealth. At present I am rather inclined to favour the appointment of a commission, but that is a matter upon which I shall have to consult my colleagues. The trouble about appointing a select committee is that I do not see how any adequate inquiry into this matter could be conducted within this session. Personally, I think that a small commission, that will take complete evidence and be properly equipped with powers to conduct a thorough investigation, is the proper thing, because the law relating to life, marine, and fire insurance has not, so far as the whole public of Australia are concerned, been adequately considered. In Queensland the life insurance law is fairly good. I am quite prepared to recommend to my colleagues the principle of inquiry before legislation."

AUSTRALIAN ALLIANCE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The report of the above company, which covers the 12 months ended August 31, shows that the fire premiums, less reassurances received, amounted to £31,546; losses by fire were £22,579, and expenses, etc., £13,144, or a total of £35,723, leaving a loss on the year's transactions of £4177, as compared with a profit for the previous year of £2746. In the marine branch premiums, less reassurances and returns, amounted to £26,983, losses to £20,128, and expenses, etc., £6673, a credit balance of £183 remaining, as against losses amounting to £8693 in 1906-7. The fidelity guarantee and accident department earned a profit for the term of £1323. The amount at credit of profit and loss, including balance brought forward of £10,117, was £11,406. Dividends of 2s per share for the half-year absorbed £5000, leaving £6406 to be carried forward. In the life assurance branch renewal premiums amounted to £6222, and interest to £7690. Claims under life policies, matured endowments, and bonuses took £20,166, surrenders £734, and special life and cash bonuses £1108, other items of outgo representing an additional sum of £3221. The life assurance fund at the close of the year stood at £199,551, as against £219,797 12 months previously. The principal figures of the balance-sheet are: Liabilities, paid-up capital £125,000, reserve fund £40,000, and life assurance fund £199,551, the balance-sheet total being £389,630. Assets comprise real estate £67,207, money lent on mortgage £183,605, deposits £35,954, building society shares £11,069, Australasian Insurance Company shares £29,388, loans on company's policies £17,290, and other items.

"ECONOMIST" ON AUSTRALIAN MONEY MARKET.

Rates for money in Australia, we learn (writes the "Economist" of August 29), are expected to move in an upward direction. The three or four good seasons that followed the long drought, and high prices ruling most of the time for wool and other pastoral products and metals, added largely to the monetary resources. Exports, moreover, were very largely in excess of imports. Money became plentiful and cheap, and it was found possible to redeem several Australian loans maturing in London in cash. But latterly imports have become greater in value than exports, at a time when agricultural and pastoral production showed decline, and market values of wool, metals, and other staples fell heavily. For the several reasons indicated, deposits with the banks are falling off, while advances have increased, the margin of banking resources being considerably reduced. It is expected, therefore, that deposit rates will be increased before long. At present nearly all the banks in Australia give 2 per cent. for 12 months' deposits, the three Queensland banks giving 3½ per cent. In New Zealand all the banks give 3½ per cent. for the same term. An advance in deposit rates will, of course, be followed by a corresponding one in lending rates. Naturally the banks do not desire to move if they can help it, for they do not want to hold money at a comparatively high cost. One effect of a diminishing supply of loanable money and an advance of rates will be to make the redemption of maturing Government loans more onerous.

SUEZ CANAL DUES.

R. S. A. writes, under date October 1:—

The remarks of the chairman of the Australasian Merchants' Association of London, published in your issue of yesterday, recall the vehement address of Sir Joseph Ward on the same subject before the Imperial Conference of May of last year. When we realise that England owns 200,000 of the original 500,000 Suez Canal shares, there can be no question of finding substantial subsidies and without affecting rates by placing 20 per cent. to subsidies' sinking fund. Following your correspondent's remarks on the alarming increase of German shipping via Suez, figures given below are of value. The percentage of German vessels and their net tonnage, passing through the canal in 1907 was 14.6 and 16.1 respectively, as compared with 13.8 and 14.7 in 1906. The percentage of English vessels and their net tonnage in 1907 was 60.4 and 62.4, as against 63.2 and 65.7 in 1906. The figures for 1908 are not yet available, but it is safe to predict a still greater decrease. The percentage of other nations has remained stationary. Therefore, Germany is England's most dangerous rival. If the English shipping had increased in proportion to that of Germany the danger would be minimised. The vital point is Germany's rapid expansion in vessels and tonnage.

RESUMPTION AND LAND VALUES.

The State Government intends to spend at least 1½ million sterling on the resumption of estates for closer settlement purposes during the current financial year. What effect will this have on prices? Let us look to New Zealand. Under various Acts the Government of the Dominion has expended five millions sterling up to date in land resumptions. Portion of this money has been expended in taking up land for workmen's homes. First of all money was borrowed to purchase the land, and then £5,714,620 was provided for loans on the land at below the market rate of interest. The value of lands in New Zealand at the end of 1907 was officially returned as £149,682,687, or £73,850,224 more than was returned in 1881. Of this sum £40,569,283 is ascribed to improvements. The question is whether this great apparent increase in wealth is real or illusory. Mr. Duthie recently commenting on the above facts, said:—

It was impossible that any result could follow but that all land should advance to prices far beyond its productive and legitimate value. Still, while land was booming, and rising to prices hitherto unheard of, the advance was not equal to the urgent desire of the late Premier, who publicly complained and upbraided valuators for slackness. By a later amendment of the Act he succeeded in basing assessments upon every extreme and exceptional sale. Responding to such influences, the unimproved prices of our country lands now generally rule, and are assessed at quite 20 per cent. above their legitimate worth. I may refer to the Nai Nai purchase, to which the Premier in the same speech lends the weight of his position in a statement that it could be sold at a profit. This block, with drainage, has probably cost the Government £150 per acre; yet it would be well sold and at its full value if the Government could get £25. Some time ago I visited a few acres of rich, loamy land bought by a friend in Staffordshire, and on which he was building; this land is situated 4½ miles outside of a large English Midland town, and he had only paid £40 an acre for it. How absurd, then, it is, if it is not wicked, to run up inferior land like that at Nai Nai, distant 11 miles from town, to such a figure. Ministers doing the like have no right to complain of the prohibitory price of suburban lands for workmen's homes, or of oppressive rents, when they themselves have on every hand led the way in forcing prices. Our buoyant Premier will not, however, be moved by such considerations, and the contemplation of these 73 millions of imaginary added wealth will probably continue to afford him pleasure, while giving him no hint of the attendant suffering caused by the crushing scale of rents which ever dogs an excess price of land, and which has here been so created.

P.P.I. INSURANCE.

An agitation has arisen in England against that form of gambling known as "P.P.I." insurance, and prohibitive legislation is foreshadowed. It may be explained that "P.P.I." signifies "policy proof of interest"—in other words, that any stranger can insure any vessel, the mere payment of the premium being taken ipso facto as proof of his interest in her. These transactions have not the force of law behind them, any more than a bet on the result of a horse race, but it has become customary for insurance agencies to accept risks of the kind. When money payments under them become due, such payments, though not legal, are regarded as debts of honour, and are scrupulously met. The holders of this form of policy are known as "wreckers," the insurance agents who grant them as "doctors." In cases of ordinary legal insurance a shipowner, or the owner of a cargo, who has insured must prove personal loss before he is entitled to recover. It is otherwise in the case of the "P.P.I." in which the policy only matures in the event of total loss. The transaction, from one point of view, is in the nature of a wager between the insurer and the insurance agent. This speculation of the chances of a wreck not only involves raising the premium payable by the owner on a ship's insurance to an inordinate figure, but when a disaster takes place it may raise uncomfortable suspicions which operate most harshly against perfectly innocent people. Owners, knowing that heavy "P.P.I." insurance was being effected on one of their ships, have been known to discharge the whole of the officers and the best men of the crew, in order to defeat any conspiracy that might conceivably exist to secure her loss.

VICTORIAN BANKING.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Returns of nine of the eleven banks trading in Victoria, for the quarter ended September 30, 1908, show changes which throw light on the very firm state of the money market.

The deposits have declined substantially, though there is generally a movement in that direction in the September quarter. In the present case this has partly arisen from withdrawals from the Government amounts, the total reduction in this direction being £620,000 as compared with the figures of a year ago. Current accounts have also been drawn upon, so that they are nearly £600,000 below the 1907 total, and there has been a small shrinkage in fixed deposits.

The total deposits for the nine banks amount to £30,052,000, as compared with £31,408,413 for 1907. Advances, as is customary in the September quarter, have expanded by £702,980 for the nine institutions.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Attention is directed to the notices appearing in our advertising columns of meetings of shareholders and debenture stockholders of Stannary Hills Mines and Tramway Company, Limited, which are being called to sanction the reconstruction of the Company.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

To-day's sales were:—East End Market, £5/15/; Steam Tug, 80/; Carmichael, 20/6, 20/, 20/3.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Queensland Trustee, b 6/3, s 6/10; Queensland National Bank, b 20/; Inscribed Stock, b 16/6, s 16/9; forward, b 16/7.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 4 per cent., 1923, £103; ditto, 3 per cent. stock, 1917, £87/10/; Commercial Bank, 10/; ditto, pref., £5/10/; Emu Bay Rail, 2/6; Melbourne Tram, 38/6; Silverton Tram, 80/; B. Hill Water, 23/6.

COMMERCIAL.

AVERAGE PRICE OF METALS.

The Australian Metal Company, Ltd., have received a cable stating that the average price of fine silver in London for September was /25⅞ per ounce standard; lead (soft Spanish), £13/9/10½ per ton; and spelter, £19/6/9 per ton. These prices compare with the average rate of earlier months as follows.—

1907.	Lead, ton.	Silver, oz.	Spelter, ton.
August	£19 5 3	31¼d	£22 1 7½
September	19 17 1	31¼d	21 0 5¾
October	18 12 7	29¾d	18 12 4
November	17 4 10½	27⅛d	21 8 3¾
December	14 9 4½	27⅛d	20 3 2
1908.			
January	14 10 6	27⅛d	20 6 3
February	14 5 6	27⅛d	21 3 6¾
March	14 2 6	27⅛d	21 2 6
April	13 13 10	27⅛d	21 6 1½
May	13 3 7	26⅛d	20 2 10¼
June	12 15 7	26⅛d	19 2 1¼
July	12 19 6¾	26⅛d	18 14 0¾
August	13 9 10¼	25⅛d	19 6 9
September	13 3 5¼	23⅛d	19 10 2¾

It will be seen that lead and spelter are higher, and silver lower—the lowest for many months. For August the average prices for copper were:—Standard, spot, £60/8/6¼ (as against £60/13/9 for August); standard, three months, £61/4/1¼ (as against £61/8/11¼ for August); best selected, £63/8/10¼ (as against £63/16/3 for August).

FODDER ADULTERATION BILL.

Following upon the correspondence addressed to the "Herald" a little while back in regard to fodder adulteration, interest will be felt in the bill now before the Victorian Parliament. It is called the Chaff Adulteration Bill, but it covers stock fodders in general. Chaff is defined as hay or straw, cut into short lengths; hay, as any dried cereal, legume, or grass, from which the grain or seed has not been removed; hay chaff, as chaff consisting only of hay; straw, as any dried cereal, legume, or grass from which the seed or grain has been removed, and which has been stripped or threshed; straw chaff, as chaff made from straw. In all sales or agreements for the sale of chaff, such chaff, in the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, is to be presumed to be hay chaff, and in the absence of such a written agreement the seller will be guilty of an offence if the chaff delivered is not hay chaff. The amount of protein which must be contained in hay or hay chaff, the proportion of foreign ingredients which may be contained in any kind of stock food, and the character of such ingredients may be prescribed by regulations.

QUALITY WARRANTS.

The Adulteration Bill prescribes that every invoice, agreement, circular, or advertisement relating to stock foods must state specifically the materials of which the food consists. Such statement, notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, is to constitute a warranty by the vendor that the food consists of the materials specified. Every invoice, advertisement, etc., relating to any mixed, concentrated, or prepared stock food, or to by-products must state specifically the original grain or materials from which the food is prepared, and such statement will constitute a warranty. Upon the sale of any stock food, whether paid for at the time or not, or within three days after delivery, the vendor must furnish an invoice specifying the materials the food contains. The burden of proof that the invoice was given will rest on the defendant. Mixed, concentrated, or prepared stock food includes all kinds of meals and foods for stock prepared, whether in whole or part, from one or more kinds of grain, oils, juices, or meat, compressed fodder, and condimented, patented or proprietary stock foods, claimed to possess nutritive properties. Power is given to officers to enter premises and take samples of any foods, and purchasers of stock food may have samples analysed by the agricultural chemist upon payment of a fee. For the purposes of the Act a sample of hay, straw, or chaff must consist of not less than 100lb in weight, and a sample of grain, or mixed, concentrated and prepared stock food, must be of not less than 20lb weight.

DRASTIC PENALTIES.

The Victorian Fodder Adulteration Bill contemplates some severe penalties for breaches of its provisions. For the first offence a penalty not exceeding £20 is provided, for a second offence not less than £10 or more than £50, and for each subsequent offence not less than £20 or more than £100, or imprisonment for not exceeding six months, or both fine and imprisonment. Penalties may be incurred by:—

Any person who sells or prepares for sale any hay, chaff, and who mixes therewith any straw chaff; who sells or prepares for sale, or offers, or exposes for sale, or contracts, or agrees to sell or deliver any mixed chaff; who sells, prepares, or offers for sale any hay or hay chaff which contains less than the prescribed amount of protein, or which contains a larger proportion of foreign ingredients than is prescribed, or who delivers stock food which does not consist solely of the materials specified in the invoice, or who tampers with any sample taken under the Act.

Where in any prosecution a breach of the provisions is proved in regard to any such sample, or part of such sample, it is to be deemed to have been proved with regard to the whole lot from which the sample was taken. Any officer under the Act, or any member of the police force, may require the purchaser of any stock food to give the name and address of the vendor from whom he purchased it. No proceedings under this measure are to interfere with any civil remedy by the person aggrieved. Where an offence for which a vendor is liable has been committed by a servant or agent the person actually committing the offence is to be liable.

COMMONWEALTH INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU.

It has been notified to the London press that the Commonwealth contemplates the establishment in London of an Intelligence Bureau in connection with the Customs Department. The idea is to furnish reliable data concerning all Australian industries. The branch will eventually include (1) an embryo museum of Australian products, (2) a sample-room, (3) a complete library of Australian catalogues available for consultation by traders, (4) a monthly or quarterly publication somewhat on the lines of the "Board of Trade Journal." In connection with this a system will be introduced to bring Australian producers and British buyers into touch. Meanwhile the department has notified the Commonwealth offices in London that any inquiries of Australian firms wishing to establish trade relations in England will be from time to time forwarded with a view to the information being published in the "Board of Trade Journal" and otherwise circulated. On the other hand, any inquiries received by the representative of the Commonwealth in London from persons or firms in England will be sent to the Commonwealth Customs Department, and arrangements made to give them publicity in Australia.

W. C. DOUGLASS, 53-55 Liverpool-st, Sydney, holds large stocks of everything appertaining to the Grocery Trade. Special Wholesale Agents for "A.B.C." Tea, "Breakfast D-Light," "Bovril," Bird's Custard Powders, Daum's Extract of Coffee, Courtenay's Sauce.—Advt.

THE EASTERN COAL TRADE.

The "Times of Ceylon," to hand by the mail, notes the arrival in September of the first consignment of Australian coal at Colombo, in pursuance of a contract entered into by the Messageries Maritimes. More was to follow. The coal was shipped at Port Kembla, which port, it is predicted by the paper, Ceylon is likely to hear more of in the future. In all Eastern markets, however, Australia is in competition with Indian and Japanese coal. In this connection the following figures are interesting:—

PRODUCTION IN TONS.	India.	Japan.
1905	8,417,739	11,467,709
1906	9,783,250	13,048,874
1907	11,147,339	13,716,488
EXPORTS.		
1905	836,188	2,507,527
1906	955,580	2,462,354
1907	728,916	2,922,490

At the same time, the imports of foreign coal into India have steadily increased during the last three years, rising from 179,935 tons in 1905-6 to 308,348 tons in 1907-8.

BRITISH LIQUOR MARKET.

Messrs. Brown and Pank reported a very depressed condition of the British wine and spirit trade at the beginning of September, the Licensing Bill being one of the untoward factors. Referring to Australian wines they note a little less active demand of late. Compared with last year deliveries were showing a reduction of 25,145 gallons. It is remarked that the bulk of the wines are shipped too young. They refer to the action of the French wine jurors at the Franco-British Exhibition in declining to adjudicate on the Australian wines and brandies because of their bearing European names, and reiterate their opinion as to the folly of labelling Australian wines with other than distinctive Australian names.

WORLD'S HOP PRODUCTION.

Statistics have been compiled showing the hop production of the world for the season past. It is interesting as showing the relative importance of different countries as growers of hops. The amounts are given in metric tons of 2,204.5lb:—

	1907. Tons.	1906. Tons.
Germany	23,050	21,750
Austria	15,000	8,850
Russia	3,500	3,000
Belgium and Holland	2,500	2,500
France	4,000	2,750
England	19,000	14,000
United States	31,000	34,500
Australia	750	750
World's harvest	100,000	88,100

For the five months from September 1, 1907, to January, 1908, Germany's imports of foreign hops it puts at 2789 metric tons, as against 1169 metric tons for the corresponding five months of 1906-7. Her exports of hops for the same period were 7580 tons, as against 7682 tons. Among Germany's foreign customers for hops in 1907 England ranked first and the United States second.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The foreign wheat markets continue sluggish, with nominal quotations. No business is passing in cargoes. This is reflected in the local market, where there is not the amount of trade passing there was a week or so ago. Prices are unchanged. Buyers' quotations are 3/10 for old grain and 3/8 for new. Parcels are held for 4/1; but no business is reported. Flour is extremely dull, being quoted at £9 for local trade, export being done for less. Bran and pollard are unaltered at 1/1. Chaff is easier, and for export is quoted as low as £5/10/.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Wheat was quiet. Sellers of old for prompt delivery ask 4/1½, buyers offering 4/1. The new crop of wheat for forward delivery was quoted at 3/8 to 3/8½. Town flour was quoted at £8/10/; country at £8/7/6. Bran was quoted at 1/1, pollard at 1/2. Algerian oats were dull and weak. Good was quoted at 2/6 nominal. There was early business in prime flat red maize at 4/1½, but afterwards it was quiet, sellers asking 4/1. A moderate parcel was sold for export at 4/2 f.o.b. Peas were dull at 3/9. Chaff was quiet, with a weakening tendency at £5 to £6 15/. Potatoes were slightly firmer; Redsoil and Pinkeye were quoted up to 82/6, occasionally to 85; Snowflake, to 77/6, occasionally to 80/; Excelsior, to £4/10/. There were fair sales in Tasmanian at £4/15/ to £5/5/. Onions were firmer at £11 ex rail, an advance being asked for special shipping lots, f.o.b.

Choice western butter was reduced a halfpenny to 1/ per lb.

Business in tea covers 200 packages of Ceylon up to /9, and 100 packages of Indian up to 1/6, partly for export. Moderate business was done in Jordan almonds to arrive. Cornsacks were sold at from 5/ to 5/0½, some importers asking 5/1. Woolpacks were scarce at 2/6. Good forward business was done in cement.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

LAUNCESTON, Monday.

The Wakatipu left for Sydney to-day with 2292 bags potatoes, 56 bags peas, 100 bags oat husks, 40 bags oatmeal, 7522 bales straw, and 10 merino ewes.

HOMEBUSH STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S SALES.

SHEEP.

Upwards of 29,310 sheep (including lambs) were balloted for sale from 66 consignors, and 24,955 head were penned. There were 11 drafts, ranging from 1000 to 1200 head, the balance being mainly in lots of 100 to 500 head. The sheep, although still comprising a large proportion of woolly, are gradually including a larger representation of shorn each sale day. There was a good selection of prime woolly merino wethers and ewes, with occasional pens of extra prime, and a sprinkling of medium and light. The shorn were almost wholly merinos, and ranged from medium quality to extra prime; good to prime being well in evidence. There was only a moderate representation of woolly crossbreds, chiefly good, useful hoggets, with odd pens of prime, and a few extra prime. The usual buyers were in attendance, including exporters and the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited. As the supply was sufficient for the demand, the market opened at about late rates for the better descriptions of woollies, but weaker for shorn. Competition was fairly free throughout the sales, but the tendency of values was in buyers' favour. Quotations: Prime merino w 17/6 to 19/, extra prime to 20/1, good merino w and h 14/ to 15/6, medium merino w and h 10/ to 12/, prime merino e 13/6 to 15/, extra prime 16/6 to 18/, good merino e 11/ to 12/6, medium merino e 9/ to 10/, prime xb w 17/6 to 18/6, odd extra prime to 21/, good xb w and h 14/ to 15/6, medium xb w and h 11/6 to 13/, prime xb e 17/ to 18/, extra prime to 19/1, good xb e and h 14/ to 15/, medium xb e and h 11/ to 12/6, prime merino w (shorn) 11/6 to 12/6, extra prime to 13/7, good merino w (shorn) 8/6 to 10/, medium 6/9 to 7/6, prime merino e (shorn) 9/ to 10/6, extra prime 12/ to 13/, good merino e (shorn) 7/ to 8/, medium 5/3 to 6/.

Sales:—

Maiden Bros.—Ross Bros., Delungra, 330 w 16/7 to 16/11, 223 13/9 to 13/11, 73 12/1, 65 e 13/2, 33 11/3; Geammoney station, Cumbara, 106 e 15/2, 71 14/2; estate J. Simpson, Warren, 90 e 14/4, 45 12/11, 17 r (sh.) 8/; T. J. Boland, Moree, 177 e 9/11, 93 8/; A. J. Baker, Gunnedah, 103 w (sh) 9/10 to 10/, 38 8/11, 20 xbd e 15/3 to 15/6; Nichols, 14 e 10/7; Lloyd Bros., Binalong, 310 e 11/9 to 12/1, 84 9/2; L. Roche, Gunalong, 118 e 11/6, 73 9/4, 9 w 14/5.

Warden Harry Graves, Ltd.—Executors late A. Adams, Merah, 149 e 15/2, 185 13/10, 90 11/4; F. W. Bacon, Brewarrina, 292 e (sh) 7/6 to 8/, 223 5/3 to 6/3, 86 w (sh) 6/8 to 7/1; J. Moore, Delungra, 41 w 12/3, 13 14/2, 22 r 14/.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—Executors H. C. White, Gunnedah, 258 w 17/ to 17/4, 79 15/4, 275 19/3 to 19/7; N.Z. and A. Land Co., Ltd., Moree, 478 w 18/4, 50 15/5, 297 e 13/7, 102 10/8; A.A. Co., Willow Tree, 600 w 15/10 to 16/, 229 17/11, 97 12/, 48 e 12/11, 19 xbd 15/5, 60 xbd h 15/, 24 12/10; Powell Bros., Burren, 770 w (sh) 10/ to 13/2, 507 11/5, 20 w 16/7; J. Fletcher, Moree, 1182 w (sh) 11/10, 310 9/3 to 10/1; M'Conochie Bros., Brewarrina, 2350 w 14/3 to 14/7, 181 12/10 to 12/11, 456 17/5 to 17/6; C. Capel, Bugilbone, 310 e 16/2, 84 15/1; 148 12/10; F. J. Croaker, Breeza, 200 w 18/4 to 18/10, 202 19/11 to 20/1, 40 16/11; J. K. and W. H. Mackay, Cryon, 376 w 15/3, 131 16/3, 54 17/8; W. Hyem and Sons, Gunnedah, 519 w 17/, 168 17/10, 40 15/8, 32 15/; J. Quinn, Cryon, 84 w 18/4 to 18/7, 66 16/5, 75 e 16/4 to 16/6; J. Cunningham, Eton, 631 w (sh) 9/4 to 10/4, 230 11/9, 64 10/3.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—W. J. Turner, 10 e (shorn) 9/7, 5 r 13/9, 139 e 11/9, 41 9/3; H. W. Newnham, 15 e and w 15/1, 36 xb e 16/11, 18 19/1, 2 xb w 21/; T. Trm, 80 w 14/6, 176 w h 13/4; H. F. Sweeney, 31 w 15/3, 21 xb w h 15/2, 21 xb e 13/7, 5 e 12/2; Wallangra Pastoral Company, 123 w 18/6 to 19/, 630 16/10 to 17/7, 62 15/4.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Boolcarrol station, Wee Waa, 42 w 17/6, 1000 e 15/1 to 15/2, 527 12/11 to 13/1, 40 w (shorn) 13/7; N. D. Godby, Coonamble, 383 w 19/4 to 19/7, 232 17/7 to 17/8, 66 5/8; J. Richmond, Warren, 420 e 15/9 to 15/11, 216 13/ to 13/1; W. M. Keogh, Coonamble, 347 18/9, 177 16/8 to 17/2; Moore Bros., Walgett, 350 e (shorn) 11/ to 11/5, 216 9/; J. and A. Rodgers, Attunga, 76 w 17/8, 111 14/1 to 14/6, 60 12/, 20 e 12/6.

J. C. Young and Co.—S. Perrett, Gunnedah, 70 w 19/5, 208 17/8, 10 xb w 17/11, 22 xb e 17/1; A. W. Everett, Breeza, 185 e 11/9 to 12/1, 80 10/.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—S. Slack Smith, Merah, 20 w 19/6, 33 15/1, 72 e 17/3 to 17/4, 49 15/, 7 12/1, 16 h 13/8; — Scott, Merah, 73 w 14/11, 70 13/7, 96 e 13/1, 31 12/; J. Cameron, Moree, 197 w 16/9 to 17/, 161 16/, 62 14/5; A. Buchanan, Millie, 44 w (shorn) 13/2, 24 11/10, 38 e (shorn) 12/9, 66 12/4, 125 h (shorn) 9/5; G. Forbes, Mullengudgery, 26 h 13/; Estate D. Dawson, Moree, 135 e (shorn) 10/9, 152 8/6, 126 r (shorn) 7/2; W. F. Buchanan, Killarney, 115 w (shorn) 12/6 to 13/2, 61 13/, 19 11/, 102 e (shorn) 7/, 147 5/9 to 6/4; P. Kelly, Weemabung, 24 e (shorn) 13/; J. M. Allison, Coomoo Coomoo, 153 w (shorn) 12/4, 376 10/4 to 11/3, 73 9/5 to 9/8; R. J. Forbes, Mullengudgery, 90 h 12/6; M'Gill and Co., Moree, 224 w 17/7 to 17/10, 283 16/3 to 16/10, 54 15/.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Limited.—Reid Brothers, Limited, Woolabra, 311 w 16/3 to 16/9, 75 17/6, 36 15/.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Company, Limited.—Belaringar Station, 426 e 15/11, 250 17/, 151 14/10.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited.—Grills and Co., 24 r 20/3, 42 w h 14/10, 91 e 14/4, 78 12/11, 14 h 12/, 102 e (sh) 9/4; F. A. Dubois, 102 w 17/ to 17/3, 253 15/1 to 15/3, 108 14/, 25 e 13/10; Mrs. A. C. M'Culloch, 40 w 16/6 to 16/9, 140 16/1 to 16/4, 74 14/10, 55 e 14/7, 5 stags 13, 17 e 12/9; J. E. Munro, 80 r (sh) 12/7, 105 11/5, 38 10/, 11 e 10/7; O. Turner, 54 w 17/4, 35 15/8; M. M'Mahon, 27 e 14/, 46 10/; H. Strang, 9 w and 1 13/; W. H. Houlahan, 202 e (sh) 11/3, 155 9/5 to 9/8, 95 8/4.

Weaver and Perry.—N. agts., 236 w (sh) 12/2 to 12/9, 404 11/3, 252 9/11 to 10/5; J. Quigley, Cathundral, 74 w (sh) 12/6, 132 11/6 to 11/8, 184 w h (sh) 9/4, 120 e (sh) 10/9, 116 9/8 to 9/10; Fleming Bros., Merah, 22 r and s 22/6, 104 r 18/4 to 18/11, 20 stags 17/6, 20 w 18/5, 63 w 15/11, 26 xb w h 18/, 25 17/3, 40 xb e h 17/7, 28 16/1; Mrs. Macintyre, Scone, 95 e (sh) 12/1 to 12/4, 114 11/, 47 w (sh) 9/8, 39 8/10; N. agts., 44 w 15/6, 23 14/, 10 xb w 17/3, 18 15/, 13 xb e 15/3, 47 e 12/11, 36 10/10, 51 r 13/; F. and E. Shaw, Eton, 45 e 15/6; N. agts., 52 w 18/, 35 10/.

LAMBS.

A fair supply of lambs was forward, about 3500 being penned. All descriptions were in evidence, both crossbred and merino. Useful trade sorts predominated, with a sprinkling of prime and odd pens of extra prime. There was fair competition, but values were below last Thursday's rates for woolly lambs, while prime suckers were firm. Quotations: Prime lambs and suckers, 12/ to 13/6; extra prime, 14/6 to 15/, a few to 16/7; good lambs and suckers, 9/ to 10/6; medium, young, and light suckers and shorn lambs, 6/6 to 8/.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—E. Munro, 11 16/7, 57 suckers 12/, O. Turner, 81 14/6, 181 12/11, 128 12/ to 12/3; M. M'Mahon, 20 14/, 22 13/7, 66 11/4 to 11/6; F. A. Dubois, 79 13/5, 60 10/11; Grills and Co., 41 13/5, 45 (sh.) 9/2; A. Esther, 94 12/1, 85 10/6; H. W. Strang, 21 11/.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—P. Kelly, 66 suckers 14/, 88 12/10, 5 11/2; S. Slack Smith, 91 12/9, 116 11/7, 75 10/8; A. Buchanan, 217 (sh.) 9/2, 15 8/7; G. Forbes, 22 12/; W. F. Buchanan, 28 10/2, 100 6/7; — Scott, 108 13/7 to 13/8, 74 13/, 57 12/3; R. G. Forbes, 41 11/6, 11 10/3.

Weaver and Perry.—W. Nicholl, 70 12/, 15 11/6; F. and E. Shaw, 18 13/, 33 11/ to 11/2.

Maiden Bros.—Estate J. Simpson, 14 12/8. Cooper Bros., 54 15/, 137 12/, 94 10/; A. J. Baker, 45 10/3, 40 8/ to 8/3; Nicholls, 51 10/7, 33 9/, 5 11/.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—W. J. Turner, 51 13/ to 13/5, 247 11/3 to 11/7; H. F. Sweeney, 119 8/4 to 8/6.

CATTLE.

Out of 1389 cattle balloted for sale from 55 consignors, upwards of 1375 head were yarded. Five drafts of Queenslanders aggregated 488. The consignments from this State came almost wholly from the northern districts. Although medium and plain (quite store condition in places) bullocks were rather strongly in evidence, there was a very fair representation of good to prime bullocks and steers, ranging from light weights to odd yards of heavy. About 280 cows and heifers were included in the yardings, chiefly medium and useful sorts, with occasional yards of prime and odd choice beasts. The selection was, on the whole, a much better one than of late. There was only a moderate attendance of buyers at the opening, and as the supply was beyond trade requirements the market opened to dull competition at 15/ to 20/ per head below late rates. As the sales progressed, however, more buyers put in an appearance, biddings became brisker, and the fall in values less pronounced, more especially for good to prime handy-weight bullocks and steers. Quotations: Yards of prime bullocks, £10/10/ to £11/10/; yards of prime heavy bullocks, £12/10/ to £13/6/; yards of prime light bullocks and steers, £9 to £10; yards of good bullocks and steers, £7 to £8 5/; yards of medium bullocks and steers, £4/10/ to £6; yards of prime cows, £6/15/ to £7/10/; yards of extra prime cows, £8 to £9; yards of good cows and heifers, £5 to £6; yards of medium cows and heifers, £4 to £4/10/; best light beef, 26/ to 28/, and good beef 21/ to 24/ per 100lb.

A. M'Ilree and Co.—Bullen and White, Jerry's Plains, 55 bullocks and steers to £8/4/, avg £6/17/10.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Company, Ltd.—Maranoa P. Company (Q.), Moree, 87 cows and heifers to £7, avg £5.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—Carson and Brown, 50 bullocks to £10/12/, avg £9/17/8; A. and R. Amos (Q.), 101 bullocks to £7/14/, avg £7/1/8.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—A. A. Dangar, Baroona, 29 bullocks to £13/6/, avg £11/18/6; T. Cook and Co., Scone, 46 bullocks to £12, avg £11/6/9; J. C. Manchee, Willow Tree, 66 bullocks to £8/18/, avg £7/8/3; J. Clift, Curlewis, 5 steers at £9/6/, 7 heifers at £7/14/, 12 cows at £7/7/; T. Cook and Co., Burren, 13 steers to £8/11/, avg £8/6/7; A. A. Dangar, Quirindi, 50 bullocks to £10/3/, avg £9/17/; Hall Bros., Aberdeen, 11 bullocks at £8/6/; P. Moylan, Barraba, 48 bullocks to £10/6/, avg £9/10/6.

Badgery Bros.—W. H. Duckham, 23 bullocks to £7/7/, avg £5/19/9, 2 cows at £5.

Weaver and Perry.—F. S. and H. W. Bell, Muswellbrook, 33 bullocks to £9/12/, avg £9/4/; M. Smith, Tenterfield, 14 bullocks to £7/10/, avg £7/3/11, 21 cows to £5/11/, avg £5; W. P. Bowman, Muswellbrook, 22 bullocks to £8/14/, avg £8/10/2; W. E. Ireland, Muswellbrook, 2 steers at £6/18/, 11 cows and heifers to £7/11/, avg £6/9/1.

Maiden Bros.—T. Collins, Wee Waa, 27 cows to £5/16/, avg £5/3/, 2 bullocks at £9/8/, 2 steers at £6/19/; C. P. O'Rourke, Wee Waa, 24 cows to £7/5/, avg £6/10/1, 3 steers at £7/7/; C. and A. Baldwin, Manilla, 24 steers to £6/18/, avg £6/6/2; trustees late J. Wall, Wee Waa, 8 cows to £8/15/, avg £7/8/3, 1 cow £9/1/, 2 cows at £7/8/.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Queensland Estates, Ltd., Queensland, 168 bullocks to £7/11/, avg £6/14/9; A. G. F. Munro, Moree, 32 bullocks and steers to £10/9/, avg £9/1/4.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—J. McDonald, Mungie Bundie, 55 bullocks to £11, avg £10/3/5; W. F. Buchanan, Narrabri, 55 bullocks to £8/6/, avg £7/16/; A. Munro, Moree, 54 bullocks to £10/13/, avg £8/4/6.

J. C. Young and Co.—W. Duff, junr., Woolabra, 4 cows at £7/4/, 4 steers at £6/2/, 2 heifers at £7/11/; J. L. Dowe, Gunnedah, 23 bullocks to £11/5/, avg £10/2/8; H. H. R. Broughton, 90 bullocks to £8/17/, avg £8.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Bakewell Bros., Scone, 32 bullocks to £10/6/, avg £9/4/6; Bergin Bros., Burren, 15 bullocks to £7/18/, avg £7/7/, 28 cows and heifers to £7/11/, avg £5/6/8; F. J. Hewett, Muswellbrook, 11 cows to £5/17/, avg £5/15/9.

LAST MONTH'S SALES.

The total number of sheep (including lambs) and cattle sold through the Homebush yards during the months of September last were as follow:—

Sheep: 248,531.

Cattle: 8578.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of October 8 472 sheep vans and 150 cattle waggons, and for that of October 12 421 sheep vans and 97 cattle waggons have been ordered. Order books are closed for cattle waggons up to and including the market day, December 14, no dates being available for sheep vans.

WOOL SALES.

To-morrow (Wednesday) Winchcombe, Carson, and Co. will submit a catalogue of 4000 bales wool, amongst which will be the following lines:—440 bales Kooroogama, from Moree; 300 bales SF/Wolkara, from Brewarrina; 295 MT/Tenandra, from the Castlereagh; 113 bales GSB/T, from Tamworth; 111 bales Caringle, from Brewarrina; 119 bales, New Armatree, from the Castlereagh; 107 bales Plain View, from Burren Junction; 96 bales Clyde, from Moree; and 80 bales G. and S., from Brewarrina.—Advt.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Ltd., will submit an attractive catalogue of 3064 bales at their wool sale to-day, including the following brands:—ARW (Hillston), AMF/C (Coonamble), ABT/Merri Merriwal (Hillstone), RC/Gunnilah (Coonamble), JE/Bokhara (Brewarrina), Bremery (Bourke), ACB/MAS (Gular), JEW/Fermoyle (Moree), Willbroon (Nyngan), AWM/Waterloo (Narrabri), LS/Roma (Burren Junction), Burren Burren (Narrabri), Melrose (Condobolin), RO/Warganbegal (Lake Cudgellico). Scoured: MC/Yanburra (Longreach, Q.), Toorak (Richmond Downs, Q.).—Advt.

THE CANADIAN BOOM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of this morning there is a paragraph from the secretary of the Immigration League of Australia, in which "a well-informed and influential Australian resident in London" says:—"The Canadian boom, which was a fraud, has burst." If this "influential Australian" had sought to inform himself he would have discovered that 22,345 persons of British origin had left Great Britain for Canada during the first four months of the year. This, though considerably less than the emigration of the previous year, owing to the severe restraint which had been put upon the emigration of undesirable persons from Great Britain to Canada, indicates that the boom has not yet burst. The "fraud," which is referred to must mean misrepresentations of the lands of Canada open to settlement. While the immigration of certain classes into Canada from Great Britain had decreased, the immigration of farmers, especially from the United States, to take possession of these lands had increased, there having been 547 more males from the United States in April and May, 1908, than in the same months of 1907. In the first four months of the year 10,502 homesteads were taken up, as against 9580 in 1907, generally by men who had previously visited the country and personally inspected the opportunities offered. These are the latest returns to hand. Your cables have since told of an unprecedented rush when thirty millions of acres were thrown open, not as free grants, but for purchase.

Calumnious statements respecting Canada akin to the above have appeared more than once in the literature of the Australian Immigration League. Such strictures of the league cannot do Canada any harm, but neither do they do Australia any good. Recently I had this statement from an Englishman:—"If Canada had any desire to do Australia harm, which, I suppose, it has not, it could not do it as much harm as is done by the foolish utterances of some Australians who may have zeal but little knowledge." A third-class commercial house knows that detraction of a rival is a very poor method of gaining confidence or building up a business.

These utterances are unjust to Australia. They may lead persons abroad who are ignorant of Australian life to believe that the petty spirit manifested in them is shared by Australians generally. My experience is that it is an extraordinary instance to find an Australian who has any sympathy with such methods.

Canada has succeeded in attracting a considerable portion of emigrants from Great Britain, but still there go from England to other countries more than Australia appears to be in a position to take care of at the present moment. Canadian immigration officials have, naturally, tried to induce all desirable immigrants to go to Canada, but failing that they have advised them to go to Australia or some other portion of the Empire. This patriotism has had its advantages, for it certainly has commended Canadian methods to British people. I am, etc.,

Oct. 2 J. S. LARKE.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

V. H. KELSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Carpets, Tools, Furniture, etc.

M. GOULSTON and CO.—At 57 Oxford-street, at 10.30, Stock of Drapery, Millinery, Mercery, E.P. Ware, Cutlery, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Blankets, etc.

THE SYDNEY AUCTION CO.—At the Rooms, at 11, Watches, Jewellery, Furniture, etc.

J. R. JONES.—At 74 Castlereagh-street, at 11, Watches, Jewellery, etc.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At 137 Liverpool-street, Paddington, at 11, Furniture, etc.

BARNARD and CO.—At 4 Kepos-street, Redfern, at 11, Piano, Furniture, etc.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Organ, Furniture, etc.; at 2, Stock-in-Trade of a Lady's Outfitter and Mercer, Counter, Shelving, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2, Clothing, Drapery, Furniture, etc.

D. and W. BAINES.—At 38 Rolfe-street, Leichhardt, at 2.30, Piano, Furniture, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 3, Wool.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness; at Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

J. H. BEALE.—At Camperdown Yards, at 2, Horses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. COWAN.—On the Rocks Area, at 2.30, Building Materials, etc.

WALLACE and CO.—At Mark Foy's Building, Elizabeth-street, at 11, Building Materials, etc.

"KAMERUKA" CHEDDAR CHEESE. Made by Experts. Acknowledged to be superior to all other brands. DENHAM BROS., Sole Agents, 351-361 Sussex-st.—Advt.

Ellis and Co., Live Stock and Produce Merchants.—Sales of Hay, Chaff, etc., held at Redfern daily.—Advt.

MINING.

MINING NOTES.

STOCK EXCHANGE HOLIDAY.

In consequence of yesterday being a public holiday, there was no meeting of the Sydney Stock Exchange.

The mill of the North Broken Hill Company last week treated 2300 tons of crude ore, producing 389 tons of concentrates, assaying 70 per cent. lead, 22.6oz silver, and 6.4 per cent. zinc.

The manager of the Lobb's Hole Copper mine wires that the water is all out of the shaft, and that the lode is not yet cut. There is a flow of inflammable gas, necessitating the use of safety lamps. As gas is always found in the ore channels, it indicates that the lode is not far off.

Our Cobar correspondent states that an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Queen Bee is announced for to-day, to amend the rules so as to empower the directors to raise, by loan, sufficient capital to erect a large water jacket furnace, and otherwise develop the mine.

The announcement, writes our Cobar correspondent, that Mr. T. Pascoe, superintendent of the Mount Boppy Gold mine, is leaving about the end of the year, is much regretted. A suitable valedictory testimonial is being arranged at Cobar. Last month's result from the Mount Boppy Gold mine was a record, some £14,000 worth of gold having been brought to the bank at Cobar on Saturday.

The smelting operations of the Wallaroo and Moonta Company during the fortnight ended September 26 are officially reported as follows:—"Ore received from Wallaroo mines, 1587 tons of 9 per cent.; ore received from Moonta mines, 500 tons of 12 per cent.; precipitate, 21 tons of 81 per cent. Outside ores received, 65 tons. Ore smelted, 1434 tons. Copper placed to store, 260 tons. Bluestone made, 20 tons. Sulphuric acid delivered, 156 tons."

The general manager of the Queensland Exploration Company, writing from Cloncurry on September 26, states:—"Main shaft: This is now down 250ft, the lode formation still continuing; but in the south-west corner there is a slight improvement, there being patches of enriched sulphides. This may be of considerable importance, but at present can only be regarded as interesting. Metallurgical: Both blast furnaces are running well, and as far as output of copper is concerned, September will show a record. Supplies of sulphide ore are keeping up well, and every day places us on a firmer footing. I think the board will be pleased to note that there has been a reduction in cost all round for August, and I think that September costs will be even lower for mining and blast furnace smelting, owing to the increased tonnages handled."

MACGREGOR COPPER MINE.

A HALF-YEAR'S OPERATIONS.

In their report, to be presented at the half-yearly meeting, arranged to be held in Melbourne on the 12th inst, the directors remark:—"The developments have been, on the whole, of a highly favourable character, more particularly in the MacGregor mine and at the Greater Esmond. We have so far proved the ore on the 135ft level, MacGregor mine, for 250ft, with a mean width of approximately 30ft. In the Greater Esmond lease, the option of which will expire on November 6, we have been fortunate enough to meet with most encouraging results, as on sinking the shaft we have exposed a body of ore which, from the present limited development, appears to be from 6ft to 8ft wide, and to assay from 18 to 25 per cent. of copper. If developments should be of the same favourable character, your directors will consider it advisable to exercise the option, by which they hope to add a valuable property to the present holding of the company."

THE BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

Development work in the B.H. South mine last week was confined to the 825ft level north drive. Section D2 was stripped 15½ft, this being done so as to accommodate two roads, to facilitate the trucking of ore. The D3 east crosscut was extended 3ft to 87ft, and is still in schist. The week's despatches were 401 tons of concentrates. Improvements are still being made in the new mill.

The B.H. Junction North mill last week only ran 99 hours, owing to eight-hours holiday. It treated 1950 tons of crudes for 295 tons of concentrates, assaying 62 per cent. lead, 32.2oz silver, and 5.2 per cent. zinc. This is the best concentrate produced for some months.

LABOUR EMPLOYED.

A YEAR'S DECREASE, 3378 MEN.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

Exactly 12 months ago, when Broken Hill was prosperous, and considerable construction and development work was in progress, the Broken Hill mines were employing 10,030 men. Official figures for the end of September this year give the total as 6652, a decrease of 155 on the figures at the end of June, and a decrease of 3378 on the total of September, 1907. The 10,030 was Broken Hill's maximum. Then the Hill had a population of close on 40,000 people. To-day the population is set down at 31,782 in the municipality, and perhaps 33,000 for the district, the Broken Hill and Sturt electorates. In January last the population was: Municipality, 36,407; district, 37,381. This 6652 men employed is good when it is remembered that the British and Junction mines are still non-productive, and that Block 14's production remains confined to carbonates.

What the slump in metal values has meant to the Broken Hill mines is clearly shown in the following comparison, showing the men employed 12 months ago and the men employed to-day. The figures are:—

	Sept., 1907.	Sept., 1908.
Proprietary	2375	2592
South	1475	808
Central	1130	951
South Blocks	290	245
Block 10	799	632
Block 14	455	185
British	653	41
North	685	513
Junction North	543	411
Junction	310	18
Zinc Corporation	200	240

Of course, the cessation of construction work has put off many men from the South and Central. Development work is virtually nil from end to end of the line of lode, and the Proprietary's sintering works are almost idle. On the other hand, the North has started the erection of its new mill, and limited work has been resumed on the New White Leads and Pinnacles mines.

There are two matters now hampering the Hill's property—the threatened wages trouble, and the matter of water. Let these two "problems" be solved, and even on the present price of lead the tide will turn.

B.H. BLOCK 14 MINE.

DIAMOND DRILLING STARTED.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

Diamond drilling for development purposes has been started at the B.H. Block 14 mine, from the 400ft level. As previously announced, the bore will be taken to 1250ft.

THE YAMBULLA FIELD.

YAMBULLA, Monday.

Miradian and Pola, of the Yambulla mines, cleaned up on Saturday. Owing to the wet and other drawbacks the mill only worked a fortnight, the result being 85oz of smelted gold, with 4 per cent. of concentrates.

Altogether 490 points of rain were registered last week, and every mine on the field has more or less water. Bailing is the order of the day. However, as no special damage has been done, a few days will see them in full swing again.

E. Quigg, whose tunnel on No. 6 dipped into the hill, will have to lower the entrance to let the water escape.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

KALGOORLIE, Monday.

Messrs. Bewick, Moreing, and Co., general managers of the Sons of Gwalia mine, have sent the following cable to the London board:—"No. 11 level, south-west crosscut, at 1380ft, extended 67ft south side, from 62ft to 67ft, average value of reef 40/, average width 32in. On the north side average width 36in. No. 12 level, south-west crosscut, at 1470ft south, has been extended 38ft, solid quartz showing in face. Borehole, 6ft in face, assays 70/. Management state that the ore referred to in first part of cable is probably part of the hanging wall branch of the Gwalia South shoot, while that met with at No. 12 level is believed to be part and parcel of the Gwalia South shoot proper."

During the last month the Mararoa Company crushed 983 tons for 518oz 8dwt, value £1648. At the same time there were cyanided 1196 tons, including 455 tons of accumulated sands, for bullion, valued at £1328.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Western Australian mines: Associated, 27/3, b 27/1, s 27/3; Chaffers, 6/, 6/1, 6/, 6/1, 5/11, 6/1, b 6/, s 6/2; Cumberland, 3/4½, b 3/2, s 3/6; Boulders, 27/1½, 27/3, b 27/1½, s 27/3; ditto, No. 1, paid, 1/; Golden Ridge, 22/6, 23/, b 22/6, s 24/3; Hainault, b 10/; Hannan's Star, 7/6, 7/9, 7/5, 7/7½, 7/6, 7/8; Lake View, 15/3, b 15/, s 15/3; Main Reef, 6/3, 6/2, 6/3, 6/2, 6/5, b 6/5, s 6/6; Mararoa, 22/, 21/6, b 21/6, s 22/; Oroya, 14/3, s 15/; Gwalia South, paid, 35/, b 35/6, s 36/; South Kalgurli, 9/3, b 9/, s 9/3; Waihi, 2/1, 2/0½, 2/1½, b 2/1, s 2/2.

Various: King's Bluff, b 75/, s £6.

Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 42/3, b 42/3, s 42/6; Block 14 (ord.), b 18/, s 18/6; British (old), b 18/9½, s 19/; ditto (new), b 17/6, s 17/9; Block 10, b 59/, s 59/; Junctions, 3/4, 3/3½, b 3/3, s 3/3½; Souths, paid, 76/, b 75/6, s 76/; ditto (cont.), b 67/, s 68/; South Blocks, 22/3, 22/, b 21/10½, s 22/; Junction, b 23/, s 24/3; Zincs (ord.), 6/11, 6/10, b 6/9, s 6/10.

Copper: Chillagoe, 6/, 5/10, b 5/9, s 5/10; ditto, contg., 5/, 4/10; Ruddigore, £5/5/; Macgregor, paid, b 8/2, s 8/3; Elliotts, paid, b 77/6, s 78/6; Molloys, paid, b 5/10, b 5/9, s 6/; ditto, pref., 8/3; Mungana, 5/2, b 5/1, s 5/2; O.K., paid, 5/4, b 5/3, s 5/4; Wallaroo, b 36/, s 36/6.

Tin: Stannary Hills, /8, /7½; Stannary Debentures, b £13, s £14.

BENDIGO, Monday.

To-day's quotations and sales were:—Bruhn's Consolidated, s 9/; Catherine Reef United, 22/3, 28/3; Clarence United, b 9/6; Horwoods and Burrowes, 7/3, 7/6, sales 7/1½, 7/3; Koch's Pioneer, 9/7½, 10/, sales 9/9; Londonderry, £12/10/, £16/10/; New Chum Goldfields, 9/6, 11/6; New Prince of Wales, 4/6, 4/11, sales 4/7; New Shenandoah, 3/1, 3/3, sales 3/, 3/2; North Bendigo, 3/4½, 4/; South New Moon, 32/, 33/6; Suffolk United, 5/6, 5/1½, sales 5/6; The Langdon, 4/11, 5/1½, sales 4/8; Ulster United, b 10/6.

BRISBANE, Monday.

To-day's sales were:—No. 1 North Columbia Smithfield, 4/10; East Mexican, contg, 13/5; Mungana, 5/.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Monday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day quotations were:—Brilliant, 3/9, 4/3; Central, 4/, 4/9; Bonnies, 6/10, 7/1; Deeps, 5/3, 6/; Extended, s 9/10; Worcester, /6, /6½; Mexican, 13/6, 14/; paid, 14/3, 15/; Alexandra, 3/5; Kellys, /6, /7; paid, 2/, 2/4; Marshall's, 3/4, 3/5; paid, 3/10, 4/1; Mills, 12/9, 13/; Freehold, 26/6, 26/9; Phoebe, s /10; paid, 1/6, 2/; Crow, 2/4, 2/5; Ruby, b 1/6; paid, b 2/6; Victory, 1/11, 2/2; Caledonia, /10, 1/3.

Sales:—Central, 4/6; Mexican, 13/6, 13/9; Marshall's, 3/2, 3/4; Freeholds, 26/6; Caledonia, 1/; Victory, 2/; Wallis, 1/6.

GYMPIE, Monday.

Quotations:—No. 1 N. Columbia Smithfield, b 4/9; No. 3 N. Columbia, 2/2, 2/6; Columbia Extended, 6/, 6/4; Oriental and Glanmire, 1/1, 1/6; No. 1 N. Oriental, 2/3, 2/6; No. 1 South Oriental, 1/2, 1/6; East Oriental, s 6/6; Oriental Consols, 1/, 1/6; Phoenix Eastern Tribute, s /9; Smithfield and Phoenix Golden Pile, s 3/3; No. 1 North Victory, b 5/6; No. 2 N. Phoenix and Victory Tribute, paid, 1/2, 1/6; No. 3 N. Phoenix and Victory Tribute, contg, /8½, 1/.

LAUNCESTON, Monday.

Quotations:—Tasmania, s 9/; Magnet, s 24/; North Farrell, s 8/3; Victoria Zeehan, b 1/9, s 1/11; Hercules, b 10/3, s 11/3; Tasmanian Copper, b 4/9, s 5/6; Briseis, b 8/; Mount Bischoff, b £33/5/; Pioneer, s 25/9; Mutual Hill, b /10, s 1/2.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver.—B. H. Block 10, b 58/, s 63/; British (old), s 20/; Broken Hill, 42/6, b 42/3, s 42/6; Junction, b 3/3, s 4/; Junction North, b 23/, s 23/9; Souths, contg., b 67/, s 67/6; ditto, paid, 77/, 75/9, b 75/6, s 76/; South Blocks, 22/4½, b 22/, s 22/3; New W. Leads, s /1½; North Broken Hill, b 53/6, s 54/6; Zinc Corporation, 6/8, b 6/8, s 6/9; ditto, pref., b 24/.

Copper.—Mount Lyell, 34/9, b 34/4½, s 34/9; Chillagoe, paid, 5/10, b 5/9, s 5/10; Hampden, b 12/, s 12/6; Macgregor, 8/1, 8/3, b 8/5, s 8/6; Mount Cuthbert, b 5/6, s 6/; Mount Elliott, b 77/, s 80/; Mount Molloy, b 5/10; Mungana, 5/3, 5/1, b 5/, s 5/1; O.K. Copper, Adelaide register, b 5/2, s 5/3; Mount Morgan, b 70/.

Tin.—Amalgamated Tin, b 2/; Bischoff Extended, 27/, b 28/, s 31/; Briseis, b 8/5, s 8/7; ditto Extended, £3/5/, £5/, b £5/, s £5/5/; Cope's Creek Central, b 3/, s 11/; Stannum Lode, s 4/; ditto, paid, s 3/6.

Victorian Gold Mines.—All Nations, 2/5, b 2/5, s 2/6; Cathcart, 4/10, 4/5, b 4/5, s 4/5½; ditto, paid, 4/, 4/1, b 4/, s 4/1; Catherine Reef, b 22/; Diamond Creek, 6/6, b 5/9, s 7/; Great Southern Consols, 4/10, 4/11, b 4/10, s 4/11; Horwood and Burrowes', 7/3, b 7/3, s 7/9; New Dempsey, 7/6, b 7/, s 8/; New Loch Fyne, b 7/; Russell's Reef, 4/8, 4/6, 4/3; Sea, 10/9, b 10/6, s 11/; South German, b 11/.

Western Australian Gold Mines.—Barrambie Ranges, 2/, b 1/6, s 2/6; Black Range, 38/7½, b 38/6, s 39/; ditto Kohinoor, 4/9, b 4/6, s 4/9; Chaffers, 6/; Great Boulder, 27/1½; Havilah, b 6/9, s 7/6; Hannan's Star, 7/7; Mararoa, 22/6, b 21/, s 22/; Sons of Gwalia South, b 35/3; Tindal's, b 16/.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

NAVAL AND MILITARY V. CIVILIANS.

BUSY DAY AT RANDWICK.

Riflemen turned out in good numbers yesterday, and several interclub matches were contested. The targets that were not earmarked for the clubs were utilised by an army of competitors in the coming event. There were a number of visitors at the mounds, including a number of ladies, who tried their practice hand with the little Francotte rifles at a 25 yards' range.

The Naval and Military v Rifle Clubs match proved an interesting contest, and resulted in a win for the former by 5705 to 5628. The service men put an excellent team into the field, and for the first time in some years succeeded in lowering the colours of the civilians. It was rather boisterous in the morning, but in the afternoon the weather moderated, and ideal shooting conditions prevailed. The military put a strong combination in the field, but the rifle clubs selected their team on a proportionate basis, giving all the city clubs representation. The civilians could admittedly have selected a much stronger team, but they desired to have a team nearer the calibre of their opponents. The fact that the civilians won the contest with ease the last few years almost decided the military to abandon the fixture. However, their win yesterday will give a fillip to the contest, riflemen generally being pleased at the result.

Randwick Rifle Club B team fired a match with Katoomba, 10 men a side, seven shots each at 200, 500, and 600 yards. The local men secured an easy win, notching 922 to the mountaineers' 824. A. Thorpe and F. Masters each scored 95 for Randwick.

Randwick C team tried conclusions with Marulan, 10 men a side, seven shots each at 200 and 500. The city men were again victorious, scoring 564 to the southerners' 463. For the victors W. King made 63, and for the losers J. Handley scored 61.

Wollongong, 1355, defeated Western Suburbs, 1331, in a match 10 men a side, seven shots each at 200, 500, 600, 900, and 1000 yards.

Penrith, 1400, defeated Eastern Suburbs, 1376, and Albion Park, 1336, beat Sydney under similar conditions.

Parramatta's special shoot, seven shots each at 200, 500, 600, 900, and 1000 yards resulted in the following winning prizes:—L. Crouch, 151 (£2 trophy); G. L. Ardill, 161 (£1 10s trophy); A. R. Harding, 66; J. S. Pryce, 59; A. Ferguson, 56; and T. Watson.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

Name.	200	500	600	900	1000	Total.
Pte. F. Swales	33	32	31	34	33	163
Sgt. W. Cutler	34	34	33	32	28	161
Sgt. S. Edwards	34	35	34	33	24	160
Arm.-sgt. H. Motton	31	32	32	33	30	158
Sgt. C. Smith	31	35	32	29	30	157
Cpl. C. Edwards	30	31	34	33	27	155
Col.-sgt. Thomas	31	33	32	33	25	154
P.O. Flukes	33	31	33	32	24	153
C.S.M. Firman	29	30	30	32	32	153
C.S.M. Pantlin	31	32	30	29	28	150
A.B. Stanhope	33	31	27	32	26	149
Sgt. Bondock	32	32	32	30	23	149
Lt. F. W. Turton	30	34	27	27	30	148
Col.-sgt. W. W. Pettigrew	33	35	28	28	24	148
Sapper Poole	28	34	30	33	23	148
Pte. A. Garnsey	31	33	27	31	26	147
Lt. Coggins	29	33	31	31	23	147
Capt. Beardamore	31	33	31	30	22	147
Lt. Goodsell	31	35	29	31	21	147
Sgt. Cottee	32	32	27	29	25	145
Capt. Walden	30	31	31	31	22	145
Lt. Smythe	33	35	31	25	21	145
Sgt. C. H. Harvey	32	32	27	27	26	144
Cpl. J. Shearin	31	32	32	25	24	144
A.B. Clarke	32	32	31	29	17	142
Sapper Beasley	30	28	30	29	24	141
Pte. R. G. Haron	29	33	29	25	24	140
Lt. R. C. Dawson	29	30	30	31	19	139
Sapper Box	31	31	28	27	20	137
Lt. Whiting	28	33	36	31	19	137
W.O. Davidson	31	30	30	30	19	136
Q.M.S. Meaney	29	31	28	21	26	135
Sgt. W. Cooper	30	33	31	27	12	133
Lt. Sheldon	32	34	28	10	27	131
S.M. Draper	29	31	29	20	20	127
W.O. Coleman	31	30	27	16	21	125
Col.-Sgt. M'Kenzie	28	33	26	12	22	122
Sgt. R. Mowbray	28	32	30	27	3	121
A.B. Buckley	31	32	32	0	24	119
S.W. Britton	32	29	24	14	10	110
Totals	1229	1283	1175	1068	939	5705

RIFLE CLUBS.

Name.	200	500	600	900	1000	Total.
A. Danill	29	32	31	30	32	154
S. Clancy	33	32	31	31	26	153
A. J. M'Leod	29	31	33	26	29	151
F. G. Harrison	31	34	30	28	28	151
G. A. Daniels	32	28	29	33	28	150
S. Ardill	35	31	32	26	25	150
F. Tame	32	30	29	29	29	149
R. W. Holt	31	32	29	30	25	147
R. Acland	30	31	30	29	26	146
S. Green	28	32	32	29	25	146
J. J. Broomham	31	31	32	27	25	146
A. Ferguson	33	28	29	32	24	146
W. Piggott	31	32	32	32	19	146
H. Magee	29	33	31	21	31	145
J. B. Thomson	30	34	28	25	28	145
J. J. Mathison	33	32	32	29	28	145
C. Staff	30	35	32	29	27	144
G. Norman	34	33	26	22	30	144
E. Lilley	31	31	24	28	29	143
E. Griffiths	32	29	28	30	24	143
A. Carter	28	34	31	30	20	143
J. M'Kenzie	31	27	31	28	25	142
J. Orr	32	32	30	27	21	142
S. Peacock	29	32	29	29	22	142
N. Priddle	32	29	32	29	17	139
J. W. Adams	31	32	32	28	24	138
P. Swinbourne	31	32	27	30	17	137
A. M. Cooper	33	34	33	9	27	136
D. Scott	33	33	31	25	21	136
T. L. Westbrook	30	32	28	25	20	135
W. Robinson	29	30	29	26	21	135
A. Woods	31	31	30	24	15	134
G. Campbell	28	29	29	23	21	134
D. Mitchell	32	28	29	31	25	132
E. S. Vautin	29	29	30	26	19	130
W. Staley	28	33	27	22	19	129
H. S. Mascord	31	29	30	16	22	128
F. Marsden	26	33	29	22	17	128
E. Garnsey	33	28	30	21	15	127
H. J. Browne	31	29	28	19	11	118
Totals	1222	1256	1157	1065	928	5628

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

The West Broken Hill Rifle Club on Saturday fired a handicap match at 200 and 200 yards. The chief scorers were:—Pound, 61; Harris, Kent, and Ham, each 59; Durall, 54.

KANGAROO VALLEY, Monday.

A match between teams selected by Capt. Moffitt and Mr. J. Lestrange on Saturday resulted in a win for the former by a good margin. Conditions were seven shots each at 500yds and 600yds. The principal scores for the winners: James Graham, 61; J. Moffitt, 55; W. Barrett, 55; W. Brookes, 54; E. Nelson, 53; E. and F. Williams, 52. For the losers: John Trimble, 56; J. Forsythe, 53; J. Lestrange, 52; J. Chittick, 52. At night the various trophies won during the year were presented.

PORTLAND, Monday.

The shoot for the second round of the competition for the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company's Cup was commenced on Saturday, when the following scores were made. The distances were 500 and 600 yards:—J. E. Cook, 63; W. Gawthorn, 62; W. Rutherford, 59; J. Kivers, 56; W. F. Lindsay, 53; P. Stinson, 53; H. Grimston, 45; F. Haigh, 45; C. M. Wettig, 43.

RAYMOND TERRACE, Monday.

The Raymond Terrace rifle range was opened on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering. A match was shot off between members of the club and the 4th A.L.H., the latter winning by 75. The highest scores were made by E. Coombes for the club and Trooper Pearn for the Light Horse.

TAMWORTH, Monday.

The last shooting of the present quarter of F Company, 4th Infantry Regiment Rifle Club, on Saturday at ranges 500yds and 600yds resulted:—Prize-winners: Sergt. Ryan, handicap 18, total 70; Private Markham, (18), 70; Private M. O'Brien (24), 70; Private Tavener (24), 70; Private M'Donald (9), 64; Lieut. Norton (scratch), 63. Winners for the quarter's aggregate, one shooting, 5 and 6, 6 and 7, 7 and 8: Private Coyle, 199; Lieut. Norton, 194; Private Larkin, 185; Private Markham, 184; Private Court, 183; Sergt. Ryan, 181; Private W. O'Brien, 177; Capt. Joseph, 175; Sergt. Doherty, 173.

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EIGHT-HOUR SPORTS.

THREE MILES CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY MARDEN.

A MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE.

An athletic carnival was held at the Agricultural Grounds yesterday in connection with the Eight-hour sports meeting. Of the various items decided the three miles amateur championship was the feature of the day. All the best runners took part. Marden, who won, proved himself to be head and shoulders above his opponents. The way in which he romped home astonished those who saw the race.

In many of the events the public had an opportunity of studying the amusing side of athletics. The greasy pole, the fancy dress race, umbrella contest, and other items all proved funny. The various events were keenly contested, and in almost every instance close finishes resulted. Details:—

All-comers' Handicap, 120yds. Prizes: £10, £3, and £1. The following qualified for the semi-final:—C. E. Houghton, J. M. Enwright, W. Mitchell, H. Bell, E. H. Ashbury, W. Scott, J. Hendley, R. B. Campbell, J. Shakespeare, and J. W. Eade.

Semi-final.

E. H. Ashbury, J. Hendley, W. Mitchell, and J. Shakespeare.

Final.

W. Mitchell, 11yds 1
E. H. Ashbury, 11½yds 2
J. Shakespeare, 11½yds 3

Won by a yard. Time, 11 2-5s.

120yds Handicap, for members of N.S.W. A.A.A. Prizes: Trophies, value £5, £2, and £1.

The following qualified for the semi-final:—F. H. Lee, A. C. Evershed, W. G. Maitland, J. L. Birch, E. O'Farrell, E. Davies, W. M. Colley, J. D. Hirliby, G. P. Park, and A. H. Hedger.

Semi-final.

First heat: W. G. Maitland, 1; J. O. Birch, 2. Won easily. Time, 12s.

Second heat: W. M. Colley, 1; E. O'Farrell, 2. Won by a yard. Time, 12s.

Final.

J. O. Birch, 2½yds 1
W. G. Maitland, 4yds 2
E. O'Farrell, 4yds 3

A splendid finish. Won by half a yard. Time, 12s dead.

Obstacle Race (Boys). Prizes: Trophies value £2 10s, £1 1s, and 7s 6d.

H. Thompson, St. Francis' School, Haymarket, 1; A. Welsh, Sussex-street Superior Public School, 2; S. Golding, Bourke-street Superior Public School, 3.

Old Buffers' Race, for members of Trades Unions, 45 years and over. Distance, 75yds.

Final Heat.

R. Tate (Newcastle), 7yds 1
W. Ricketts (United Labourers), 11yds 2
J. Elliott (Gas Employees), 11yds 3

Won on the tape. Time, 8⅗s.

100yds Championship (Boys under 15). Prizes: Trophies, value £2, 15s, and 10s.

Final.

W. Creed, Enmore Superior Public School, 1; C. Barrow, Sacred Heart, 2; C. Thompson, Glebe Superior Public School, 3.

One Mile Handicap, for members of N.S.W. A.A.A. Prizes: Trophies, value £5, £2, and £1.

J. Bradley (Sydney Harriers), 65yds 1
J. W. Frazer (Marrickville Harriers), 65yds 2
A. T. Brown (Sydney Harriers), 55yds 3

Won by a yard. Time, 4m 34 1-5s.

100yds Handicap, for sons of members of trades unions under 16 years of age. Prizes: Trophies, value £3, £2, and £1.—Final heat: M. J. Donohue, 5yds, 1; A. Peoples, 8yds, 2; P. Dalton, 17yds, 3. Won easily. Time, 11s.

One Mile Walking Competition, for members of Trades Unions. Prizes, £3, £2, and £1.—C. Cherry (Breadcarters), 80yds, 1; J. Strain (United Labourers), 120yds, 2; H. Taylor (Ironworkers), 70yds, 3.

400yds Handicap, for members of the N.S.W.A.A.A. Prizes: Trophies, value £5, £2, and £1.—First heat: S. H. Sparrow, 1; R. P. O'Brien, 2; E. Chiborne, 3; J. Smith, 4. Second heat: A. Williamson, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. M. Colley, 3; G. Plunkett, 4. Third heat: L. S. Leadley, 1; L. Fazackerley, 2; H. Lee, 3; N. L. M'Kinnon, 4. Final: H. Lee (Botany Harriers), 14yds, 1; S. H. Sparrow (South Sydney Harriers), 17yds, *; L. S. Leadley (Marrickville Harriers), 10yds, *. * Dead heat. Won easily. Time, 52s.

Dumbbell Exercise (Boys). Prizes, medals.—Glebe Superior Public School (first squadron), 1; Glebe Superior Public School (second squadron), *; Cleveland-street Superior Public School, *; Surry Hills South Superior Public School, 4. * Dead heat.

Dumbbell Exercise (Girls). Prizes, medals.—Bay-street, Botany, Superior Public School, 92 points, 1; Camdenville Superior Public School, 85 points, 2; Gardener's-road Superior Public School, 83 points, 3.

Bucket of Water Race, 120yds. Prizes, £1, 10s, and 5s.—J. Stuntz, 1; N. Quirk, 2; H. L. Brackenrigg, 3.

Allcomers' Handicap, half-mile. Prizes, £10, £3, and £1.—The following qualified for the final:—W. J. Cunningham, R. Hopping, E. P. Atkins, S. Munnery, N. Quirk, W. M'Manus, J. M'Neill, C. E. Jackson, J. Lindsay, O. E. Giles, W. G. Slattery, and W. Mitchell. Final: W. Mitchell, 65yds, 1; E. P. Atkins, 28yds, 2; S. Munnery, 40yds, 3. Won easily by 10yds. Time, 2m 3 3-5s.

Obstacle Race, quarter-mile. Prizes, £3, £1, and 10s.—J. Stuntz, 1; W. Quirk, 2; L. Fazackerley, 3.

Barrel Chining Contest. Prizes, £1, 10s, and 5s.—T. Snowden, 1; S. Bowrie, 2; S. Osborne, 3.

Special Scout Display by Cadets, under Direction of Major Dove, D.S.O.—Cleveland-street Superior Public School, No. 2 patrol (Col.-Sergt. Doyle), 1; Cleveland-street Superior Public School, No. 1 (Corporal Boardman), 2; Paddington Superior Public School (Sergt. M'Mahon), 3.

Walking the Greasy Pole. Prizes, £1, 10s, and 5s.—J. Oates, 1; L. Fazackerley, 2; W. Allen, 3.

Physical Drill with Arms, Schoolboys (16 in each team). Prizes, medals.—Stanmore Superior Public School, 93 points, 1; Darlinghurst Superior Public School, 75 points, 2; Gladstone Park Superior Public School, 74 points, 3.

Umbrella, Egg and Spoon Race.—C. V. Moore, 1; J. Stuntz, 2; N. Quirk, 3.

Flag Drill Competition (Girls).—Bay-street, Botany, School, 94 points, 1; Gardener's-road School, 92 points, 2; Camdenville School and Gordon School, 84 points, dead heat.

Maypole Dance (Girls or Boys). Prizes Medals.—Redfern Superior Public School, 98 points, 1; Annandale Superior Public School, 96 points, 2.

Wand Competition. Prizes, Medals.—Bay-street, Botany, Superior Public School, 1; Gardener's-road Superior Public School, 2; Gordon Superior Public School, 3.

Club Exercise (Girls). Prizes, medals.—Marrickville Superior Public School, 90 points, 1; Camdenville Superior Public School, second squadron, 2; Camdenville Superior Public School, first squadron, 3.

Free Exercises or Swedish Drill (Girls). Prizes, medals.—The Bay-street, Botany, Superior Public School team was the only entry, and secured 89 points out of a possible 100.

Dusting the Bellman. Prizes, £1 and 10s.—J. Inman, 1; J. Stuntz, 2.

Three Miles Championship of New South Wales (for members of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association). Prizes, gold and silver medals.

S. A. Marden (University Harriers) 1
A. T. Browne (Sydney Harriers) 2
H. J. Smith (Birchgrove Harriers) 3

Fourteen started. One of the finest races seen on the ground. From the word go the pace was hot. Gradually the pick of the runners left the others, and at three to go only six remained to fight out the finish. Browne was then in the lead, with Wood a length away behind, while at the heels of the latter followed in close order Smith, Marden, and two others. At one to go Wood was in front, with Browne almost level, and it looked 20 to 1 that he would score an easy win. At half a lap to go the positions were unchanged. Suddenly, like a shot from a gun, a runner in dark clothing was seen to sprint to the front. It was Marden, of the University Harriers. The way in which he ran home reminded one of Shrubb. He simply paralysed his opponents, and finished as if he were doing a hundred yards sprint. So magnificent was his finish that the other runners looked as if they were walking. Wood was so surprised when he was passed that, although he stood a splendid chance of getting second, he gave up the race 150 yards from home. Browne and Smith, however, persevered, and finished about 120 yards behind the winner, a length separating them. Time, 15m 47s.

Handicap Hurdle Race, quarter mile. Prizes, £6, £2, and £1.—Final: C. E. Houghton, 28yds, 1; R. B. Campbell, 35yds, 2; J. W. Eade, 48yds, 3. The winner proved himself a master over the hurdles, and won a splendid race by two yards. Time, 59 1-5s.

Comical Costume Race. Prizes, £3 and £2.—O. E. Giles, 1; W. Allen, 2.

ST. GEORGE REGATTA.

A lively south-easter tempered the heat of yesterday to the large numbers that visited Sans Souci and the points of vantage from which the various events comprised in the St. George Regatta programme could be witnessed. The Government launch Premier had been allocated as flagship, and the Keira and numerous launches conveyed patrons to follow the sailing and rowing events. Results:—

SAILING EVENTS.

14ft Handicap, best and best (Towra pile course).

St. George (W. Dunn), 4m beh., £3 1
Our Own (W. J. Holmes), 4m beh., £2 2
Jessie (W. Kennedy, jun.), 2m beh., £1 3

The seven entrants faced the starter, and the limit boats, Dorrie and Edith, well maintained their advantage round Towra pile; at the Brighton mark Dorrie and Edith were still in command, whilst Jessie had crept up to third position; St. George and Our Own had made up a deal of leeway, but Euchre was hopelessly out of it. On the work across to Towra Dorrie's centreboard buckled, and Esperanza treated her crew to a bath. St. George and Our Own gradually picked up the leaders on the run home, and the finish saw St. George beat Our Own by 25sec., with Jessie one minute away third.

General Handicap, all boats, best and best (Towra pile course).

Australian, 18ft (R. Humphries), 9½m beh., £3 1
Mascotte, 16ft (E. Talbot), 3½m beh., £2 2

These were the only starters, and despite the 6min start Australian picked up the leader before the pile was reached, and eventually won by five minutes.

General Handicap, mainsail, jib, and one extra (Kurnell course).

Australian (G. Trindor), 18½m beh., (£4) 1
Tom Bowling (A. Wheatley), 4½m beh., £2 2

Of the nine entrants three started, and owing to Effie having had her sails and rudder stolen Australian started in her place, with the Effie crew. Owing to the failing breeze this race was not finished till 7.35 p.m., Australian winning by 35 minutes.

14ft Scratch Race, best and best (Towra pile course).

St. George (W. Dunn), £5 1
Jessie (W. Kennedy), £2 2
Air Motor (C. Dunn), £1 3

Four boats, St. George, Our Own, Air Motor, and Jessie faced the starter, but after crossing the line Our Own's bobstay carried away, and she retired. Shortly after the start the wind died away, and the race resulted in a drifting match, St. George beating Jessie by 7m 47s, with Air Motor 10 minutes away third.

ROWING EVENTS.

Single Sculls (about 1 mile).—First heat: G. Witchard, 5secs., 1; J. Laycock, scr., 2. Second heat: G. Souter, 10secs., 1; F. Matterson, 8secs., 2. Third heat: W. Haywood, 25secs., 1; H. Jennings, 15secs., 2. Final: W. Haywood, 1; G. Witchard, 2; G. Souter, 3. A stubbornly contested race, won by four lengths, a similar distance between second and third.

Double Sculls (about 1 mile).—First heat: J. Laycock and L. Laycock, scr., 1; G. Witchard and G. Jarvis, 5secs., 2. Second heat: W. Haywood and W. Matthei, 20secs., 1; K. Hughes and A. Napier, 15secs., 2; G. Matterson and F. Matterson, scr., 3. Final: W. Haywood and W. Matthei, 20secs., 1; J. Laycock and L. Laycock, scr., 2. Won by ten lengths.

MOTOR BOATS.

General Handicap, Kogarah-Gwawley Bay course, four laps.

Spray (G. A. Griesbach), 11m bhd. (£3) 1
Loombah (W. Mildwater), scr (£2) 2
Blue Bell (W. Stuart), 22m 30s bhd. (£1) 3

Other starters: Petrel, 8m bhd.; Yvonne, 6m 30s bhd.; Federal, 12m 30s bhd.; Diadem, 13m bhd.; Elsie, 15m 50s bhd.; Dawn, 17m 40s bhd.; "116," 22m 30s bhd. Loombah led till half a mile from home, when Spray dashed ahead, and won by 35s. Blue Bell was 2m away third, whilst the scratch boat, "116," finishing sixth, completed the course in 44½min.

A successful day was brought to a conclusion by the official dinner at Frater's Hotel.

HOLIDAY IN THE COUNTRY.

SPORTS AT BOWRAL.

BOWRAL.—The tenth annual demonstration organised by the friendly societies in aid of the funds of Berrima District Hospital took place, being favoured with beautiful weather. The procession, headed by the Association Brass Band, and including members of the Robertson Lancers, Bowral Brigade, and various friendly societies, marched from the railway bridge to the Sports Ground at the rear of the hospital, where over 1000 people attended. Results:—Foot Hurdle Race, 440yds: W. Savell, 5yds, 1; S. Willis, 14yds, 2. Bicycle Race, 4 laps: H. Cotting, 30yds, 1; C. Murchie, 15yds, 2. Foot Race, 100yds: N. Jones, 7yds, 1; P. Hines, 8yds, 2. Boys' Footrace 75yds: E. Baker, 1; J. Wiles, 2. Pony and sulky turnout: Arthur Gregory, 1; C. Clarke, 2. Friendly Societies' footrace, 120yds: J. Fitzgerald, 5yds, 1; N. Jones, scr, 2. Victoria Cross Competition, Lancers only: Sergt. Humphries and Corporal Rowland, 1; Troopers L. and G. Brooker, 2; Troopers H. M. Brooker and J. Dooley, 3. Bicycle race, 6 laps: C. Murchie, 30yds, 1; J. F. Smith, scr, 2; W. Foord, 35yds, 3. Alarm Race, Lancers only: Trooper I. Brooker, 1; Trooper J. Irvine, 2. Hunting contest: Nethery Bros.' Midnight, 1; E. Breen's Togo, 2. Step dancing, for ladies: Miss Amy Rodgers, 1; Miss Hilda Rodgers, 2; Miss Connie Taylor, 3. Fireman's race, 100yds: R. Grove, 4yds, 1; F. Hopson, scr, 2. Tent-pegging, Lancers only: Trooper Carrick, 1; Trooper G. Brooker, 2. Trotting, in saddle: A. Knox's Empress, 1; A. Knox's Dargin, 2. Boys' bicycle race: M. Jones, 1; Yabsley, 2. Pony, in harness, 14 hands: Arthur Gregory, 1; C. Clarke, 2. Pony jump: C. Clarke's Pippo, 1; Daisy Bell, 2. Gents.'s step-dancing: T. Heffernan, 1; F. M'Colgan, 2. Footrace, 120yds: W. Savell, 4yds, 1; N. Jones, 4yds, 2; T. Wotton, 10yds, 3. Sweetheart race: W. Savell and Miss M. Savell, 1; S. Richards and Miss I. Virtue, 2. Quoit matches—No. 1, G. and C. Piper divided; No. 2, W. Shipley; No. 3, G. Piper and C. Howard divided. Procession prizes, for best representation of trade or business: Hill Bros., 1; Mrs. Bushell, 2. Best comic turnout: Best ..., 1; H. Garside, as Robinson Crusoe, 2.

CARNIVAL AT FORBES.

FORBES, Monday.

A monster demonstration and carnival was held today by the friendly societies, sporting clubs, and associations, in aid of the district hospital. The preliminary procession, over half a mile long, included 18 exhibits of the various trades and businesses in active operation, for which prizes were awarded as follow:—

Best Exhibit.—Tattersall's Newsagency, 1; Foundry Artillery Corps, 2. Best comical display: Alf. Wilson's "My Hairdresser."

Over 2000 persons assembled on the showground to witness the sports. Results:—

Bicycling Hospital Race, 5 miles.—V. Bailey (200yds), 1; E. Wheatley (320yds), 2; V. Judd (240yds), 3.

Lachlan Handicap, 1 mile.—W. Johnson (scr), 1; S. Compton (40yds), 2; J. Kirkman (30yds), 3.

Novice Handicap, 1 mile.—H. Judd (scr), 1; R. Coleman (10yds), 2; P. Allison (30yds), 3.

Running—Sheffield Handicap, 120yds.—W. Sandridge, 1; D. Clarke, 2; C. Read, 3. Hurdle Race, 120yds: D. Sanders, 1; W. J. Francis, 2. Married men's race: W. Boon. Envelope race: W. Riddle, 1; T. Powell, 2. Obstacle race: H. Foss. Hydrant race, 50yds, for local firemen: W. Hurkett (9 2-5s), 1; J. Knightley (9 3-5s), 2.

Trotting—Charity Handicap, 1½ mile.—Lord Bolo, 2m 1s beh., 1; Telegraph, scr, 2. Business Handicap, mile and a half; J. Flannery's Jack, 1; W. Thomas's Flo, 2; J. Girdham's Dick, 3.

BERRY.—The Shoalhaven and Kiama District Public Schools' Association annual re-union was held on the Berry showground. About 1000 children took part. The senior championship footrace was won by N. Cordery (Nowra), the junior championship by M'Carthy (Meroo); under 14 years, E. Moore (Berry); over 14 years, R. Anstey (Berry); high jump, H. Jones (Berry) and L. Lennard (Berry), divided; hop, step, and jump, O. Bennie (Berry); potato race, R. Bennie (Berry); obstacle race, T. Kelly (Berry); novelty race, D. M'Bride (Berry); hurdle race, E. Moore (Berry); stepping distance, E. Moore (Berry); relay race, Nowra team 1, Berry 2; three-legged race, M. Pepper and L. M'Clelland (Berry) 1, J. M'Clelland and E. Moore (Berry) 2; wheelbarrow race, Bennett and Maguire (Jasper's Brush). A merry-go-round free for the children was provided by Sir John Hay. There was a sham fight by the united Public school cadets.

BOURKE.—Eight-hour Day was celebrated by sports in aid of the Bourke Hospital. The sports were successful. Results:—Sheffield Handicap: J. Hands, 1; G. Chaproniere, 2; S. Carmichael, 3. Opening Handicap: W. Manning, 1; J. Hands, 2; R. Kirkwood, 3. Committee's Race: F. E. Pickhills, 1; W. Campbell, 2; W. Manning, 3. Half-mile bicycle race: J. Cook, 1; G. Holland, 2; R. Maitland, 3. Firemen and bandsmen's race: W. Matthews, 1; W. Manning, 2; W. Campbell, 3. Old buffers' race: P. Nash, 1; H. Jeffery, 2. Ladies' bracelet: R. Kirkwood, 1; W. Matthews, 2; W. Keary, 3. Scour handicap: J. Connell. Walking handicap: W. Campbell. Maiden handicap: M'Crae, 1; Z. Woods, 2. One and a half-mile bicycle handicap: H. Brooks, 1; J. Cook, 2; G. Holland, 3. Tug of war: Rice's team, 1; Rowing Club's team, 2. Hurdle race: M'Crae.

BROKEN HILL.—The Broken Hill branches of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows to-night joined in the State's celebration of the orders of the diamond jubilee by a smoke social at the Trades Hall. Over 300 brethren and visitors were present.

CAMPBELLTOWN.—The weather was fine for the holiday. Campbelltown Cricket Club defeated Rockdale by 30 runs.

EMMAVILLE.—The first eight-hour demonstration was a great success. The procession marched through the town, headed by a brass band. Mr. Thomas, M.L.A., delivered an address. The 75yds footrace was won by H. Casey (11yds); H. Lennon (14yds), 2. 120yds (£10): I. Clifford (10yds), 1; W. Fraser (14yds), 2; W. Cliffords (8yds), 3. Mile bicycle: Flett, 1; Ladyman, 2. Mile and a half bicycle race: Flett, 1; Bates, 2; Doyle, 3. A protest entered against the winner is to be decided by the league.

LIVERPOOL.—The holiday was closely observed. The pupils attending the Austral Public School held their annual picnic and entertainment, both of which were well attended. The weather was gloriously fine throughout.

POLICE GRIEVANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The remarks in your columns with regard to the allowances which members of our police force have to submit to are indeed worthy of consideration. At the present time there is a feeling among the men that they have not been fairly treated. Principally is this the case anent the promise of an increase in salary made by Sir Joseph Carruthers a year ago. The promise naturally caused the men to take more interest in their work; but their hopes were soon blighted, as only 6d per day was allowed, and that only to men who had been in the force over seven years. This is looked upon as unfair, as many men of under seven years' service are considered equally entitled to it on account of honest service and attention to duty—not to mention that some members have more persons dependent on them than others.

The granting of holidays is a matter which is causing much comment. The police are on duty the full seven days per week, and for such continuous labour receive only one day per month off duty, with an additional nine days at the end of the year, making 21 days out of the 365. This is not as it should be, considering that in other walks of life about four times that amount is allowed. The constables employed in clerical work in the various offices of the department are much better treated than those on street duty, being exempt on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, and holidays. Their leave amounts to over 80 days per year, as against 21 of the other. Reform in this direction is urgently needed to place matters on a more equitable basis. Then, again, it is hardly fair that the men should be compelled to put in 15 minutes and 30 minutes per day prior to signing on for duty, which amounts to 16 days per year without remuneration. Even every second Sunday off would be acceptable, but it is denied the rank and file. Furthermore, the fact of the men working on public holidays debars them from travelling for enjoyment at excursion rates, as other people are privileged to do, and as they are not allowed passes this grievance becomes more apparent.

Taking into consideration the valuable work done by the police during the late tram strike, it would not be too much if the Railway Commissioners allowed members of the police force some concession, and with an overflowing Treasury, as at present, something could easily be done in the matter.

Nearly all the most important changes brought about in the Police Department for the benefit of its members have been instigated by the force of public opinion, and it now behoves the public to demand that other slight concessions are afforded their worthy guardians of law and order. Altogether the lot of a policeman is not a happy one, exposed to the dangers of criminals and irresponsible persons as he always is.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The Victoria Park racecourse will be the sporting rendezvous this afternoon, when the new mile and a quarter grass track, to be known as the course proper, will be brought into use for the first time. The programme to be played out during the afternoon includes seven events for ponies and galloways, and for which a record entry has been received; while the champion motor contest (handicap), for a trophy value £100, will also be decided. Both the cinder and grass tracks are splendid going, and highly interesting sport is promised. A special tram service will be in vogue, the electric cars running at five-minutes intervals, via Elizabeth-street to the racecourse gates. The first race is timed to start at 2 p.m.

The A.J.C. Derby winner, Parsee, Sir Aymer, and Walpuna left by rail last evening for Melbourne, to take part in the Victorian spring campaign.

The scratchings notified yesterday in connection with the A.J.C. Spring Meeting were Mother Goose, Legation, and Superbus out of all engagements; Sequarius and Maintenon out of the Gimcrack Stakes; Sir Dagobert out of the Second Steeplechase; Grafton Queen out of the Highweight Handicap; and Lady Fucile out of the Final Handicap.

The weights for the handicap events to be run on the third day of the A.J.C. Spring Meeting are promised this forenoon.

The final forfeit for the Gimcrack Stakes falls due at 4 p.m. to-day, and all horses remaining in after that hour incur the liability for the full stake.

J. Lockey has put into work at Rosehill the two-year-old filly by Maltster from Kate.

The Rosehill trainer, W. Booth, has sent The Palmist back to Gundaroo, where the son of Epinicion will be put to stud duty.

A. Hood, who was thrown heavily when Plunder fell in the Metropolitan at Randwick yesterday, was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from slight concussion of the brain. He regained consciousness last night, and at a late hour was reported to be slightly better.

A committee meeting of the Forbes J.C. was held on Friday, when the balance-sheet in connection with the show race meeting was submitted. A profit of £120 was netted. It was decided that the next annual races should be held in August on the two days following the show. Considerable improvements are being made to the ground, and it is worthy of notice that the club has made such progress that its present liability is under £250.

Our Gerringong correspondent writes that Mr. Walter Mitchell, Rose Valley, lost his hurdleracer Euchre, on Sunday last, it having died from a disease contracted while at the encampment in the neighbourhood of Sydney during the "Fleet" week.

Advices from Melbourne state that the Victorian jockey B. Carslake, now in America, rode six winners out of eight mounts at the Buda-Pesth races.

During the week covered by the mail to hand from England the ex-Randwick lad, Frank Wootton (who at Manchester on Friday was suspended until November 2 for foul riding), piloted three winners. On the second day of the York August meeting he captured the Rous Two-year-old Selling Plate on Mr. Lionel Robinson's Cooya, by the Melbourne Cup winner The Victory; and on Riverina, also the property of Mr. Robinson, he won the Convivial Produce Stakes; whilst at Hurst Park he annexed the Vyner Handicap with Lady Bathe's Maud Mackintosh, beating Old Nick, on whom his brother Stanley had the mount.

Murrurundi Race Club (November 11), Berrigan Picnic Race Club (October 21), Boggabri Oddfellows' Race Club (October 14), Uralla Jockey Club (November 9), Brewarrina Amateur Turf Club (November 9 and 10), and Wyong Jockey Club (November 9) race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Tweed River Jockey Club (December 2), Narrandera Hibernian (November 9), and Germanton Race Club (November 7) race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Pink 'Un, who won the October Stakes at Flemington on Saturday, is engaged in the Caulfield Cup with 8st 1lb, while the Wallace colt, Trafalgar, who secured the Stand Handicap, holds Caulfield and Melbourne Cup engagements with 6st 13lb each. Bobby (by Bobadil), who annexed the Paddock Handicap, is in the Caulfield Cup with 6st 11lb, and in the Melbourne Cup with 4lb less.

The colt Captain White, who won the first two-year-old race of the season in Victoria, on Saturday, was bred in this State by Messrs. J. and W. Thompson, and is by Flavus (imp.) from Chutney, by Gossoon (imp.) from Canella, by Chester, and was purchased at the Randwick autumn sales by his present owner for 150 gns.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Bendigo pulled up lame in the Stand Handicap on Saturday, and it was decided to throw him out of training. He was scratched to-day for the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup.

VICTORIAN SCRATCHINGS.

V.A.T.C. MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Caulfield Cup: Call Boy, Antonina, King Bee, Banquo, Bendigo, Arba, and William Wallace. Toorak Handicap: Antonina, War Bee, Hospodar, Royal Star, King Bee, Kyeadgerie, Welcome Trist, Shimose, Monady, Arba, Dame Wallace, Slipper, Kiss-in-the-Ring, Pyer, Mostyn, Seed Time, Lady Melena, Kiss Mama, and William Wallace. Debutant Stakes: Zeist, San Pedro, Finger Post, Simmerina, Graft filly, Mrs. Grundy colt, Calaverite, Amiale, Sir Edwin, Cavalier, Paradise, Scourge, Port Logan, Sequel colt, Bonnie Bell colt, and Georgia. Caulfield Guineas: Antonina, Ungarie, Calurdrinnia, Arden, The Kite, Glen Eagle, Flavour, Adriatic, Saki, Vavasor, Passmore colt, Five Crown, Banquo, Borodino, Arapiles, Poser, Heligoland, Religieuse, Waldoon, Racia, Dovedale, Auld Brig, Connection filly, Kirkmaiden, Arba, Dame Wallace, Ecstasy, and Simington.

V.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

Melbourne Cup: Kumalo, Borodino, and Bendigo. All engagements: Arba.

WILLIAMSTOWN RACING CLUB.

Williamstown Cup: Monody.

NEW SOUTH WALES TROTTING CLUB.

The following handicaps have been declared for next Thursday's meeting of the above club:—

Trial Handicap, 1m 1f.—†Lady Briton, scr; †Bill Bailey, scr; Sambo, 1s behind; Kiddie, 2s behind; Milford, Rebel Lady, Chere Amie, Fitz Huon, Luke, 3s behind; Tasman, †Baden, 4s behind; Owyinda, 5s behind.

Flying Handicap, 1m.—Top Score, scr; Burless, 1s behind; †Legbreak, Neures, 2s behind; †Ben's Pick, 3s behind; †Direct Lead, Claret, 4s behind.

Trotting Club Handicap, 1¼m.—†The Queen, ‡Bill Bailey, scr; Black Huon, 3s behind; Gwenda, Fitz Huon, 4s behind; ‡Sailor Prince, ‡Baden, 6s behind; ‡San Toy, 14s behind.

Tramway Handicap, 1m.—Charmer's Boy, Maisie Fitz, Owyinda, Tasman, Luke, scr; †Bow Bells, 2s behind; Piccaninny Jun., †Lucia, 6s behind; Lyddite, 8s behind; Burless, 11s behind.

Epping Handicap, 1½m.—‡San Toy, scr; ‡Venture, Top Score, 1s behind; ‡Legbreak, 2s behind; Neures, 6s behind; ‡Pickwick, 11s behind.

†Inclusive of 3s amateur concession; ‡inclusive of 6s amateur concession.

DUBBO JOCKEY CLUB.

DUBBO, Monday.

The following entries have been received for the spring meeting of the Dubbo J. C., on the 14th and 15th instants:—

Opening Handicap.—Jim Burns, Lady Claris, Wonga, Lifeboat, Corra Lynne, Peggy, Redleaf, Dorothy, Pendulum, Lord Jersey.

Macquarie Handicap.—Theona, Lifeboat, Corra Lynne, Jim Burns, Lord Jersey, Goodchap, Theorcin, Dorothy, Pendulum.

Dubbo J. C. Handicap.—Jim Burns, Lifeboat, Theorcin, Sir Grafton, Lochiel, Pendulum.

ODDFELLOWS AND MINERS' RACES.

WEST WYALONG, Monday.

The following weights have been declared for the principal event on the first day of the two-days' meeting to be held under the auspices of the Grand United Oddfellows and Amalgamated Miners' Association:—

Eight Hours' Handicap.—Firestick, 9st 13lb; Dantzic, 9st 5lb; Passion, 9st 3lb; Ballast, 7st 9lb; A. B., 7st 2lb; Valor, 6st 12lb; Corona, 6st 7lb.

A good meeting is anticipated.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB ENTRIES.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The following entries have been received for the Wallsend Jockey Club's Hospital Benefit meeting on Saturday next:—

Charity Handicap, 6f.—Indian, Nancy Lock, Myra, Sinan, Crystal Brook, Highwood, Merylock, Morella.

Bookmakers' Purse Handicap, 7f.—Neville, Kiss Me, Miracle, Vitula, Lady Annetta, Tofa, Golden Gate, Recover.

The Hospital Handicap, 1¼m.—Lady Fucile, Lady Lock, Simmiloquist, Australian Sun, Chaperone.

The Nurses' Satchell Handicap, 6f.—Lady Lucan, Summer Queen, Vanua, Lady Haydon, True Colours, Lady Kingsley, Antelope, Elle, Little John, Alone, Murcia, Miss Lena, Assegai, Golden Gate, Irving.

Convalescent Handicap, 1m.—Blue Foam, Miracle, March, The Imp, Ismaila, Dean Swift.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY THIRTY YEARS AGO.

As showing the state of Rugby football in 1876, the following report taken from the "Herald" is given:—

The general meeting of the Southern Rugby Football Union was held at the Exchange Hotel, on Friday evening, Mr. J. J. Calvert in the chair. There were about twenty members present. The secretary, Mr. W. H. Fletcher, read the following report, which was unanimously adopted:—Since the last general meeting held in April, 1875, not having any business, it is not considered necessary to hold any committee meetings. No one having desired to have any of the rules altered since the Rugby code was adopted in 1874 shows that the committee acted wisely in their choice of these rules for the clubs of this colony. Two additions have been mooted this year, which will doubtless be settled before the play of the present season commences; one is the appointment of umpires, and the other that games, if not won by goals, shall be considered won by the side obtaining the greater number of touches down. The following clubs are subscribers to the Union:—Balmain, King's School, [illegible], University, Camden College, Newington College, Wallaroo, Goulburn, St. Leonards, Waratah. It is a matter of regret that the promoters of the Victorian Club have found it necessary to succumb to adverse influences, and have had to resign the position in the first committee of the Union. Several new clubs have been formed, who have adopted our rules, but have had the bad taste to ignore the Union itself. By-law No. 14 provides: "That the clubs belonging to the Union be not allowed to play matches with non-subscribing clubs, except by special permission." I have the honour to lay before the meeting the honorary treasurers' balance-sheet, showing £11 8s to the credit of the Union. I have to report having ordered from England the recognised journal on football in general, so that we may reap the advantage of any improvements in the rules at home. It now devolves upon the meeting to elect a president and two vice-presidents. Mr. Calvert was re-elected president, and Messrs. Brown and Faithfull were elected vice-presidents.

BATHURST, Monday.

On Saturday night a dinner was held in connection with the Bathurst Football Club. Mr. Robert L. Gilmour, president, occupied the chair. This club is the oldest in the West, having been established 35 years.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

The Kaolins and Centrals, who last week played a draw, yesterday recontested the Broken Hill Football Association premiership. The game resulted in a win for Kaolins by 2—12 to 2—6.

BOWLS.

WOONONA v REDFERN.

The annual match between Woonona and Redfern clubs took place yesterday on the Redfern green. The representatives from the South Coast arrived during the morning, and indulged in a scratch match up to lunch time. The visitors then joined the local players at dinner, which was laid in the pavilion. At 2.30 the match, a five-rinked one, was played. The result was a win for Redfern by 40 points. At tea, which followed, several toasts were honoured, the health of the visitors being proposed by the Mayor of Redfern, Alderman J. Leitch, and duly responded to. The day's arrangements were complete in every detail, and were carried out by Mr. Bright, secretary to the Redfern club.

The following were the scores.

	Red.	Woo.
Nicoll, Lloyd, Grierson, Leitch	20	—
Martin, Williamson, Dr. Dixon, Farrsher	—	21
Stedman, Rose, Bright, Brogden	31	—
Denney, J. Muir, W. Young, Gaham	—	17
Donald, Cridland, Vernon, Ross	41	—
Taylor, Youll, Green, Rees	—	21
Danas, Hall, Banner, Parry	34	—
Fritz, Doel, Parry, Williams	—	20
Caldy, Hirschman, Hayes, M'Keown	9	—
Bennett, Ballantine, Hope, Greenhalgh	—	26
Totals	145	105

WARRINGAH CLUB.

Members of the Warringah and Mosman Bowling Clubs met on the Warringah green yesterday, and spent a pleasant day. In the morning a number of competitions were contested, and in the afternoon a rink tournament (progressive) was played, and won by the Mosman rink, composed of Messrs. Rayment, Roberts, Rummell, and Smith (captain). The results of the morning competitions were:—

Drawing the Shot.—J. Lee (Warringah).
Trailing the Jack.—A. E. Barnes (Mosman).
Driving.—H. G. Freeman (Mosman).
Guarding.—W. Bowman (Mosman).

NORTH SYDNEY CLUB.

Advantage was taken of the holiday to play off a series of competitions, which resulted as follows:—

Drawing the Shot.—W. Marr.
Trailing the Jack.—J. Power.
Driving the Jack.—F. M'Adam.
Drawing the shot blindfolded.—Boullett.

In the afternoon scratch rinks indulged in good practice.

PETERSHAM CLUB.

Four-bowl Tournament.

A four-bowl tournament for pairs was played on the Petersham green amongst members not engaged in inter-club matches. The game was for a trophy subscribed for by the players, five heads being played between each set of pairs, and five games being engaged in. The results were as follow:—

Welsh and Cropper won 4 games.
Scrutton and Gribben won 4 games.
M'Alpine and Briton won 3 games.
W. Dash and Segal won 3 games.
Jansen and Thomson won 3 games.
Hudson and Clifford won 3 games.
Swan and Hill won 3 games.
Davis and Wigram won 2 games.
Roberts and Cooper won 1 game.
C. Turner and Dowling won 1 game.
W. L. Dash and Blair won 1 game.
Broome and Patrick did not win a game.

Messrs. Walsh and Cropper and Scrutton and Gribben play off for the final.

PETERSHAM v STRATHFIELD AND PARRAMATTA.

Six rinks of Petersham players visited Strathfield yesterday, and engaged four rinks of the local players, and two rinks from Parramatta, the whole standing as one game. Petersham won handsomely after a good scoring game on a keen green. Scores:—

	P.	S.&P.
Evans, Pratt, Oram, Rowley	28	—
Bunting, Clifford, Thompson, Allt	—	9
Wippell, Bown, C. Smith, Wylie	25	—
J. Drake, Orr, King, W. Drake	—	24
Walker, Hanlon, J. Davis, Lawson	36	—
Pierce, Pepperday, Reid, Hillier	—	21
Saunders, Wheeldon, Morgan, Holland	23	—
Carpenter, Pearson, Gould, Coates	—	29
Trigge, Norman, Rogers, O'Neill	36	—
Straub, M'Carthy, Goldrick, Little	—	12
Menzie, Yeo, Parker, Strong	24	—
Bell, Silly, E. Nall, Francis	—	29
Totals	175	124

WAVERLEY v LEGAL PROFESSION.

A match was played yesterday between the Waverley Club and representatives of the legal profession. This is the first of what is intended to be a yearly fixture. The visitors were entertained at Waverley by the local club, and after an interesting, and at times close game, Waverley won by 32 points. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. F. Fullwood (president), and responded to by Messrs. S. Donaldson, J. Millen, and J. Stinson. Scores:—

	W.	L.P.
Ward, Barkas, Evans, Macleod	19	—
Smith, Stinson, Robilliard, Bayliss	—	20
Fairweather, Parson, Chandler, Fitzgerald	24	—
Bowman, Tipper, Green, Gartrell	—	22
Durall, James, Fullwood, J. F. Cox	26	—
Primrose, Gilder, Reed, Macdonald	—	15
Barkell, Clubb, Lawrence, King	31	—
Donaldson, Wiseheart, Walker, Marshall	—	17
Bope, Barnes, Dean, Wahlberg	35	—
Mason, Withy, Petrie, Sargent	—	20
Weir, F. Martin, Dyson, S. Golding	25	—
Gill, Downes, Mowle, Aspinall	—	24
Totals	160	128

A match to determine which member of the Mosman Club should have the right to play in the Parramatta competition for the championship of the State, has almost been concluded. J. Groth beat C. J. Smith, 31-27; G. W. Johnson beat P. B. Colquhoun, 31-16; A. E. Barnes beat W. Booth, 31-30; Alex. Thomson beat H. Freeman, 31-29; J. Groth beat G. W. Johnson, 31-25; Alex. Thomson beat A. E. Barnes, 31-20. The final between J. Groth and Alex. Thomson will be played on North Sydney Green.

ASHFIELD CLUB.

The Ashfield Club has elected the following committees and officers:—Mr. J. Harrison, sole selector; Mr. J. Swan, controller of green; Mr. J. Sheather, delegate to the New South Wales Bowling Association; and Messrs. E. Richards, R. T. St. Clair, and G. Watson, house committee. The president (Mr. E. Richards), who has always been identified with the social progress of the club, is arranging a social evening.

NEWCASTLE v NUNDAH.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The Newcastle bowlers played a match against Nundah to-day. The visitors won by 142 to 110. Results:—Bell, Richardson, Frost, and Penrose (Newcastle) beat Strickland, Warbrick, Price, Bearup, by 33 to 19. Watt, Davis, H. Gilbert, and Hingst (Newcastle) were beaten by Fielding, Wirth, Brier, and F. Bell, by 28 to 19. Nimmo, Banks, A. Gilbert, and Gardner (Newcastle) beat Hudson, Decker, Peel, and Bryce, by 30 to 22. Scully, Bryant, Hindes, and Donald (Newcastle) beat Bale, Forster, Maxwell, and Burt, by 27 to 20. Tudor, Cram, Latham, and James (Newcastle) beat Preston, Noble, Fernaghey, and Sapsford, by 33 to 21.

MOSS VALE, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Moss Vale Bowling Club was held last night. Mr. J. S. Ponder, president, occupied the chair. The balance-sheet was received and adopted, and a successful year was recorded. It is the intention of the club to arrange for more inter-club matches during the coming season. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. S. Ponder; vice-presidents, Mr. Arthur E. H. Carter, Mr. T. A. F. McArthy, Dr. F. C. Stevenson, and Dr. H. Leighton Jones; hon. secretary, Mr. B. Hallie Pala; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. McKenzie.

DUBBO, Friday.

The annual meeting of the Dubbo Bowling Club was held last night, Mr. J. W. Sillar presiding. The report showed that the club had made a substantial advance during the year, and reduced their indebtedness by £24. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. W. Sillar; ground officer, Mr. W. Moseley; match committee, Messrs. Pinnington, Kirkland, and Jelf; treasurer, Mr. E. B. Hawk; secretary, Mr. G. Palmer; delegate to N.S.W. Bowling Association, Mr. F. A. Morgan.

LAWN TENNIS.

STRATHFIELD TOURNAMENT.

The third day's play provided a full day's programme of attractive matches, and the tennis throughout was good. The weather was again favourable for spectators, but for the players the strong southerly wind interfered with the play. The attendance was good, the ladies, in many-coloured gowns, occupying the seats round the courts. An exciting match was the result of the meeting of those two fine players, Pockley and A. B. Jones, and at the end the latter had reversed his defeat of some weeks back in the Sydney Club's captaincy. The tennis, however, except for the last six games, was not good, save for occasional brilliant strokes by Jones. At times his forehand drives admitted no answer, and his smashes were very clean and forcible. Pockley was patchy all through, alternating a fine rally with a weak defensive game. He opened rather well and served strongly, and had the lead to 3 all, but in the next game, after getting the first three strokes, he entirely altered his method, and so much for the worse that Jones took the lead, and never afterwards lost it.

With a set in hand, and five games to two, in the second set, Jones looked to have the match won, but Pockley then made a fine recovery, and from then to the end the tennis was better. Pockley ran to 6-5, but lost the lead again at "7-6, Jones leads," after a close game. Pockley again took the next two games, and led at 8-7, but Jones then made a fine series of renewed attacks, and holding the lead in each of the next three games, won the second set at 10-8, and the match. Pockley made several double faults, and was foot-faulted several times by the line umpire.

The Anderson brothers played a very fine game indeed against Doust and Pockley, and led at 4-1 in both of the first two sets, the second of which they took. Their overhead work was very severe and sure, and their volleying able. Pockley played in fine style, and his saving tosses, especially from his backhand, were wonderfully judged, finding the court within a foot of the back line. Doust played very well, and his great speed was well in evidence. In the third set the servers lost more games than they won—an unusual thing in first-class tennis. Doust ran over Webb, who has had hard luck in losing his fine practice form at the critical time.

In the ladies' allcomers' doubles, Misses Baker and Collings had a long tussle with the Misses Lee. All four ladies played very finely, and volleyed well.

A regrettable feature of the day's events was the retirement of Parker in both his championship matches. With Bowker, he was set down to play Rice and Campbell at 11 a.m., but as he had not arrived at that time, another event was put on, though the competitors had been warned that they must be in time. The match so put on had finished, and half an hour more had elapsed, and still Parker was not in evidence. Then the committee, reluctantly, but unavoidably, awarded the match to Rice and Campbell. Having been scratched in the doubles, Parker responded by giving England—a player whom he could easily have defeated—a walk-over in the singles championship.

In the mixed handicap Carr and Miss Baker had a very close match with C. Anderson and Miss Fowler, and the play was very good. Hicks played in fine style, with Miss Gardiner, against Mr. and Mrs. Colquhoun. Kidston and England played a close match, the latter volleying too well to allow the former to concede the solid start allotted. England is a fine all-round player of great strength and activity. The matches in the handicaps were very close. Several matches were not played, and the programme listed each day has proved too heavy. If this could be avoided, though of course it is difficult, it would save many competitors from useless journeys. The umpires failed in several instances to post the scores on the boards, which leaves the spectators in the dark as to the progress of the games. The following are the detailed scores:—

Allcomers' Singles.
England received a forfeit from Parker.
Doust beat Webb, 6-1, 6-1.
A. B. Jones beat Pockley, 7-5, 10-8.

Allcomers' Doubles.
Rice-Campbell received a forfeit from Parker-Bowker.
Doust-Pockley beat R. and C. Anderson, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Ladies' Allcomers' Doubles.
Mrs. Doyle-Miss Cox beat the Misses Fowler, 6-2, 6-4.
Mrs. Colquhoun-Miss Gardiner beat Mrs. Barry-Mrs. Wolstenholme, 6-2, 6-1.
Misses Baker-Collings beat the Misses Lee, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Misses Free-Deer beat Mrs. Wardell-Mrs. Antill, 6-4, 7-5.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap.
Mrs. Bolton-Hayes beat the Misses Fowler, 6-5, 5-6, 6-2.
Misses Baker-Collings beat Misses Barton-Barnard.
Misses Free-Peck beat Misses Keele-Fitzhardinge, 6-5, 4-6, 6-3.
Mrs. Barnard-Miss Jackson beat Misses M'Donald, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Misses Rogers-Martin beat Mrs. Sheldon-Mrs. Antill, 6-5, 5-6, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.
Rudder-Miss Doyle beat Webb-Miss Buchan, 6-1, 6-2.
Smith-Miss Day beat Sly-Mrs. Stevenson, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.
Carr-Miss Baker beat C. Anderson-Miss Fowler, 6-4, 5-6, 6-4.
Harris-Miss Bolton beat Dickens-Miss Minnett, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Mackenzie-Miss M. Lee beat Doust-Miss Griffiths, 6-4, 6-3.
Hicks-Miss Gardiner beat Colquhoun-Mrs. Colquhoun, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.
Johnston-Miss Stoltenhoff beat Maguire-Miss Leeds, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Gentlemen's Singles Handicap No. 1.
E. Hicks beat K. Harris, 6-1, 6-5.
Bolton beat Cameron, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.
England beat Kidston, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
Mackenzie beat T. B. Johnson, 6-2, 6-4.
Rotton beat Watson, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
Skipper beat Maguire, 3-6, 6-5, 6-4.
Sly beat C. Johnston, 6-3, 6-2.
Royle beat K. Anderson, 6-3, 6-2.
Dickens beat Barton, 6-2, 6-5.
England beat Carr, 6-3, 6-0.
Hicks v Browne (unfinished), 2-6, 6-2.

Gentlemen's Doubles Handicap No. 2.
Wilshire-Pearson beat J. and W. Dunlop, 6-5, 4-6, 6-2.
Elder-Roxburgh beat Salwey-Rutter, 6-3, 6-1.
Rose-M'Knight beat Baker-Bentley 6-1, 6-5.
Fenner-Jackson beat Ward-Terry, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Gentlemen's Singles Handicap No. 2.
Wilshire beat B. Ford, 6-0, 6-2.
Roxburgh beat W. Ford, 6-4, 6-2.
A. W. Jones beat Bradshaw, 6-2, 6-4.
M'Knight beat O. Carr, 6-4, 6-5.
Ward beat Mann, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.
Jack beat Rutter, 6-3, 6-4.
A. W. Jones beat Birkmyre, 6-3, 6-1.
Roxburgh beat Mercer, 6-2, 6-1.

Gentlemen's Doubles Handicap No. 1.
Doust-E. Anderson beat Clark-Goddard, 6-2, 6-5.
Birkmyre-Stacy beat Kilgour-Robinson, 6-4, 6-2.
Hicks-Duguid beat Fox-Royle, 6-2, 6-4.
Ford-Mercer beat Lord-Jack, 6-3, 6-3.
Parker-Balch beat Colquhoun-Webb, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

AUBURN v TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

A match was played at Auburn between a team from that suburb and Technical College. The scores were as follows—

Auburn Tennis Club. Technical College.
Watsford and Lees v Tugwell and Stephen, 6-5.
Miss Williams and Forster v Miss Walker and Walker, 6-3.
Mrs. Watsford and A. Watsford v Miss Feakes and Tugwell, 1-6.
Forster and Williams v Stephen and Walker, 6-4.
Miss Skelton and Lees v Miss Walker and Tugwell, 2-6.
Miss Williams and Mrs. Watsford v Miss Feakes and Miss Walker, 2-6.
Williams and Watsford v Tugwell and Stephen, 5-6.
Won by Technical College by 1 set 5 games.

ATHLETICS.

BOTANY HARRIERS.

The Botany Club will hold a championship meeting at Booralee Park on Saturday. The first race will take place at 3.30 p.m. sharp. The South Sydney brass band has been engaged; and at the conclusion of the sports, prizes will be presented by Mr. Page, M.L.A., the club's patron. The following members will contest the 1 and 3 Miles Club Championships:—C. Weyman, W. Saisell, J. Rowe, J. Chalmers, H. Fitzsimmons, E. Phinackerley, T. Gannon, and J. L. Devitt. Entries will be received by the hon. secretary, M. R. Tuck, up till Wednesday night.

WOOD-CHOPPING.

BULAHDELAH, Monday.

A chopping contest resulted:—H. Beauchamp, 1; L. Richardson, 2; J. Cheers, 3.

A chopping match between S. Richards and T. Godwin for £20 a side was won by S. Richards. Great excitement prevailed, both contestants being local men.

BILLIARDS.

LIVERPOOL, Monday.

The second billiard tournament, promoted by the committee of the local School of Arts, resulted in a win for Mr. R. A. Brouff, with Mr. L. Ashcroft second. The prizes include two handsome pipes, donated by Mr. A. Cloke, licensee of Cloke's Family Hotel, Liverpool. The introduction of the billiard table has materially aided the funds of the institution.

CRICKET.

BOWLERS' DAY OUT.

COTTER AND BARRY UNPLAYABLE.

E. Newton, 70.	A. D. Storey, 66.
D. C. Reid, 62.	Way, not out 52.
F. Storey, 69.	Emery, not out 51.
Hodgkinson, 57.	
Cotter, 6 for 12 and 3 for 21.	C. Docker, 3 for 26.
	J. Scott, 4 for 34.
Barry, 6 for 18.	Emery, 7 for 64.
Bowden, 4 for 25.	Gillies, 5 for 52.
Grounds, 3 for 22.	Mansfield, 5 for 62.
J. Smith, 3 for 24.	Sullivan, 4 for 54.
Pye, 3 for 25 and 6 for 48.	Rough, 4 for 58.

The results of the first round of first grade matches at a glance are:—

University, 234, and two for 50, beat Sydney, 171, by 113 on the first innings.
Balmain, 97 and nine for 76, beat Middle Harbour, 74 and *eight for 178, by 23 on the first innings.
North Sydney, 175, beat Petersham, 95 and six for 205, by 80 on the first innings.
Glebe, 106, beat Paddington, 43 and 108, by an innings and 45.
Waverley, 134 and three for 74, beat Redfern, 113 and *five for 210, by 21 on first innings.
Central Cumberland, 246, beat Gordon, 71 and 142, by an innings and 33.
Burwood, 132 and 291, beat Combined Juniors, 111, by 21 on first innings.
* Innings declared closed.

The results of the opening round in the first grade matches show extremes in margin of victory. Three were won by 23, 21, and 21 on the first innings, two of the others were won comfortably, and two were ridiculously easy victories. Paddington found Cotter revelling in his work, and in a less degree his supporters, Grounds and Bowden. Central Cumberland similarly vanquished Gordon, in which a colt in Barry and a veteran in Pye, with styles quite the opposite, did the damage. Though the bowlers still held the upper hand, there was, generally speaking, an improvement in the batting, though not much to boast about. Apparently the wickets are not as far advanced as they have been in former years. Practice has not been possible, except in one or two cases, and bowlers have caught their natural enemy at a disadvantage, and are making the best of their opportunity.

The surprise of the day was furnished by Glebe at Wentworth Oval. Paddington had seven wickets in hand, and required 171 to reach the total put up by Glebe in their first innings. Trumper and Strange were the not-out men, and it was reasonably expected that Paddington would go very close to overhauling the Glebe total. Cotter and Bowden, however, quickly found their length and also the Paddington wickets, every man on the side being clean bowled in the first innings, which closed for the very small total of 43. Cotter had the splendid figures of six for 12 runs, and he was quite unplayable. Bowden secured four at a cost of 25. It would be difficult to find a better combination on their day than Cotter and Bowden, and yesterday was without doubt "their day out." They bowled unchanged throughout the innings, Cotter sending down terrifically fast ones, and Bowden, as usual, keeping his medium-paced ball at work, combined with a splendid length. Trumper was top scorer of the innings with 17.

Glebe were out after a three-point win, and sent Paddington in again. Trumper, Noble, and Winning totalled 67 out of 108, and seven obtained 14. Bowden again bowled finely, but Cotter had tired considerably. Then Grounds took up the attack with success. M'Cloy secured the unenviable pair of "specs." Glebe were naturally delighted at securing a three-point win. The wicket was by no means a bad one. Faulty timing was the chief cause of Paddington's downfall, though several shaped very poorly. They lacked confidence, and never showed any inclination to go at the bowling, preferring to play back until bowled. It is worthy of note that Kelleway was not called upon to bowl during the match. Glebe will be a hard side to beat during the present season.

Middle Harbour made a great effort to reverse the decision of the first innings in their match with Balmain. The latter led by 23. The "Villagers," in their second innings, registered 178 for eight wickets, and then declared their innings closed, leaving Balmain 155 to avert defeat. At time they had lost nine wickets for 76, so they had a close call. It was a most exciting finish, in which time not only saved Balmain from losing a two-point victory on the first innings, but lost Middle Harbour a three-point win. Barrell played a capital innings for his side, remaining not out 47, and M'Kew was not out 5. On the other side, Whiddon, the interstate slow leg-breaker, bowled splendidly, and secured six wickets for 35. It was a sporting finish.

The contest between Burwood and the Combined Juniors was a success. The seniors got home by a narrow margin, and some fine performances were put up on both sides. The match brought to light good bats, and, at any rate, one promising bowler in Ryall, who is a left-hander with a little more pace than medium in his deliveries, and introduces variety.

Emery shows that, besides possessing the remarkable skill of off-breaking with apparently leg-break action, discovered by Bosanquet, he is a batsman of aggressive tendencies. His 51 not out included a six and several 4's. He and Way (52 not out) defied the Waverley attack until a sufficient number were got to "declare." Redfern had, however, little hope of averting defeat.

Petersham shaped well in their second innings against the premiers. Barry, who far exceeded expectations for Central Cumberland against Gordon, may be given a chance, along with Emery, in the trial matches, and if so, their work will be watched with a good deal of interest.

The clubs in the first grade securing three-point wins are Glebe and Central Cumberland, and two points go down to the credit of University, Balmain, North Sydney, Waverley, and Burwood (bye).

FIRST GRADE.

GLEBE v PADDINGTON.

Concluded at Wentworth Park, and won by Glebe by an innings and 45 runs. Scores:—

Glebe.—First Innings, 106.

Paddington.—First Innings.

Noble, b Cotter	6
Trumper, b Cotter	17
W. R. Iredale, b Bowden	2
L. Carty, b Bowden	0
Strange, b Cotter	4
Collins, b Cotter	0
M'Cloy, b Bowden	0
R. Carty, b Cotter	1
Winning, b Bowden	1
Sayle, not out	6
Graham, b Cotter	0
Sundries	6
Total	43

Bowling.—Cotter, six for 12; Bowden, four for 25.

Second Innings.

Trumper, c Grounds, b Bowden	20
Iredale, b Bowden	0
Collins, b Grounds	3
Noble, b Grounds	20
M'Cloy, b Grounds	0
Strange, b Cotter	16
Winning, run out	27
R. Carty, not out	8
Sayle, b Cotter	0
Graham, b Cotter	1
L. Carty, c Bardsley, b Blanksby	2
Sundries	11
Total	108

Bowling.—Cotter, three for 31; Bowden, two for 33; Grounds, three for 22; Blanksby, one for 10.

UNIVERSITY v SYDNEY DISTRICT.

Concluded at University Oval, and won by University by 113. Scores:—

University.—First Innings, 234.

Sydney District.—First Innings.

Pite, b Minnett	19
Cooper, c and b Stack	45
Cody, run out	2
Richardson, c M'Elhone, b Matthews	18
Delohery, run out	9
Winter, b Matthews	0
Finneran, b Minnett	7
Somes, c Candlish, b Allen	25
Glynn, c Docker, b Stack	25
Mulligan, not out	4
Blackman, run out	1
Sundries	16
Total	171

Bowling.—Minnett, two for 25; Stack, two for 46; Allen, one for 16; Candlish, none for 35; Makin, none for 8; Matthews, two for 25.

University.—Second Innings.

Matthews, not out	24
Candlish, b Finneran	4
Allen, b Finneran	5
Lane, not out	9
Sundries	8
Two for	50

Bowling.—Finneran, two for 9; Mulligan, none for 16; Winter, none for 17.

WAVERLEY v REDFERN.

Concluded at Sydney Cricket Ground. Waverley won by 21 runs on first innings. Scores:—

Redfern.—First Innings, 113.

Waverley.—First Innings.

Mackenzie, b Emery	3
C. Gregory, b Emery	35
Carter, c Wordsworth, b Emery	26
S. E. Gregory, b Emery	1
Bell, b Emery	4
Addison, b Emery	0
Keele, st Baines, b Wordsworth	5
Johnson, b Louden	21
Meagher, run out	4
Lloyd, not out	12
Howard, c and b Emery	2
Sundries	21
Total	134

Bowling.—S. Emery, 7 wickets for 64; Wordsworth, one for 34; A. Louden, one for 25.

Redfern.—Second Innings.

Nicholls, b Lloyd	7
Goddard, c and b Addison	29
Barnes, st Carter, b Howard	47
Foster, c and b Howard	20
Way, not out	52
Hanks, b S. E. Gregory	2
Emery, not out	51
Sundries	2
Five wickets for	210

(Innings declared closed.)

Bowling.—Lloyd, one for 38; Keele, none for 22; Addison, one for 28; Bell, none for 26; Howard, two for 50; S. E. Gregory, one for 44.

Waverley.—Second Innings.

C. Gregory, b Emery	16
S. E. Gregory, not out	26
Johnson, b Emery	8
Addison, run out	5
Meagher, not out	5
Sundries	14
Three for	74

Bowling.—Emery, two for 35; Wordsworth, none for 18; Hanks, none for 7.

GORDON v CENTRAL CUMBERLAND.

Concluded at Chatswood, and won by Central Cumberland by an innings and 33 runs. Scores:—

Central Cumberland.—First Innings, 246.

Gordon.—First Innings.

Iredale, b Barry	0
Maclean, b Barry	0
Carroll, b Barry	0
Jordan, b Barry	9
Holdsworth, c E. F. Waddy, b Pye	5
Shortland, b Payne	6
Hartigan, c and b Barry	12
Proud, b Barry	10
Matthews, b Pye	0
Glynn, not out	8
Bamford, b Pye	11
Sundries	7
Total	71

Bowling.—Barry, six for 18; Ayres, none for 17; Pye, three for 25; Payne, one for 4.

Second Innings.

Glynn, b Pye	6
Maclean, c Smith, b Pye	0
Jordan, b Pye	6
Carroll, lbw, b Pye	0
Holdsworth, c Payne, b Cranney	25
Hartigan, b Pye	39
Matthews, c Ayres, b Cranney	1
Bamford, c Taylor, b Pye	7
Iredale, absent	0
Proud, not out	20
Shortland, b Barry	3
Sundries	12
Total	142

Bowling.—Pye, six for 48; Barry, one for 12; Payne, none for 21; Ayres, none for 12; Cranney, two for 37.

PETERSHAM v NORTH SYDNEY.

Concluded at Petersham Park, and won by North Sydney by 80 runs on the first innings. Scores:—

Petersham.—First Innings, 95.

North Sydney.—First Innings.

White, b Rough	2
Hopkins, b Rough	25
N. Y. Deane, c Harvey, b Scott	44
Lilyman, b Rough	0
Clarke, b Rough	23
R. V. Minnett, b Unsworth	26
Fisher, b Scott	0
V. Y. Deane, b Scott	43
L. Minnett, b Unsworth	2
Mansfield, b Scott	1
Uther, not out	1
Sundries	8
Total	175

Bowling: Scott, four wickets for 34 runs; Rough, four for 58; Unsworth, two for 33; P. Newton, none for 42.

Petersham.—Second Innings.

W. Farnsworth, c N. Y. Deane, b Mansfield	17
Law, c White, b Mansfield	7
E. Newton, c and b Mansfield	70
Emery, b White	49
Harvey, st Lilyman, b Mansfield	48
P. Newton, b Mansfield	4
Gray, not out	1
Sundries	9
Six wickets for	205

Bowling: Mansfield, 5 for 62; White, 1 for 1; L. Minnett, 0 for 40; Deane, 0 for 1; Hopkins, 0 for 45; Fisher, 0 for 31; R. V. Minnett, 0 for 4; Clarke, 0 for 12.

BALMAIN v MIDDLE HARBOUR.

Concluded at Birchgrove Park. Balmain won on 1st innings by 23. Scores:—

Middle Harbour.—First Innings, 74.

Balmain.—First Innings, 97.

Middle Harbour.—Second Innings.

Randall, c Whitting, b Sullivan	11
Whiddon, b Sullivan	20
Hodgkinson, b Moore	57
Ridge, st M'Kew, b Moore	5
Middleton, b Bury	26
Bull, b Bury	9
Broughton, c Baker, b Sullivan	19
Brownlow, not out	13
Row, c Barrell, b Sullivan	2
Sundries	6
Eight for	178

(Innings declared closed.)

Bowling: Sullivan, 4 for 54; Whitting, none for 38; Moore, 2 for 41; Bury, 2 for 15; Fitzhardinge, none for 9.

Balmain.—Second Innings.

Whitting, b Whiddon	0
Bury, b Middleton	3
Kemmis, c and b Whiddon	8
Baker, c Randall, b Whiddon	1
Barrell, not out	47
Sullivan, b Whiddon	9
Bull, c Long, b Whiddon	8
Carrick, c Middleton, b Whiddon	0
Fitzhardinge, c Long, b Randall	0
McKew, not out	5
Sundries	3
Nine for	76

Bowling: Whiddon, 6 for 35; Middleton, 1 for 15; Randall, 1 for 23.

BURWOOD v COMBINED JUNIORS (bye).

Concluded at Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, and won by Burwood on the first innings by 21. Scores:—

Burwood.—First Innings, 132.

Combined Juniors.—First Innings.

Kelly, b P. Docker	0
Dick, lbw, b C. Docker	15
Storey, c Diamond, b C. Docker	69
Roughley, b J. Smith	0
Wenholz, c C. Docker, b J. Smith	0
Cooper, run out	1
Bayne, b J. Smith	0
Gillies, b E. Doran	0
Ryall, b C. Docker	8
Evans, not out	1
Kerkin, b W. Docker	0
Sundries	17
Total	111

Bowling.—C. Docker, three for 26; Doran, one for 23; Reid, none for 4; J. Smith, three for 24; W. Docker, two for 17.

Burwood.—Second Innings.

Reid, c Storey, b Gillies	62
H. Smith, c Dick, b Gillies	43
Storey, c Wenholz, b F. Storey	56
Mackay, b F. Storey	31
Diamond, b Kerkin	21
W. Docker, not out	33
Prentice, lbw, b Gillies	0
C. Docker, c Ryall, b Gillies	17
J. Smith, lbw, b Ryall	0
E. Doran, b Gillies	1
E. Hume, absent	0
Sundries	27
Total	291

Bowling.—Kerkin, one for 31; Evans, none for 47; F. Storey two for 46; Ryall, one for 51; Kelly, none for 30; Gillies, five for 52.

SECOND GRADE.

BALMAIN v UNIVERSITY.

These teams concluded their match at Alexandria Oval, and University won on the first innings by 106 runs. Balmain, 112, in their first innings. French secured four wickets for 11, and Willcocks five for 18. University, in their first venture, put on 218 (Massie 49, Fisher 36, Debenham 38, Butler 20, and James 27). Robilliard three for 42, Cockton two for 35, McKew one for 25, and Henderson two for 64, did the bowling. Balmain were dismissed for 161 in their second innings (Henderson 50—three sixes, Cockton 32, and Walker 27). University had only 20 minutes to put on 55 runs, and got 31 for the loss of five wickets.

PADDINGTON v GORDON.

Concluded on Birchgrove Park, and won by Paddington by an innings and 97 runs. Paddington scored 237, and Gordon 73 (C. S. Smith 22, Brainwood 22), and 67 (P. Dettman 30). For Paddington the bowling was done by J. Bosward (five for 31), H. Bosward (two for none and four for 18), and Fitzgerald (four for 13).

MOSMAN v WAVERLEY.

Concluded on the Mosman Oval, and won by Mosman by nine wickets and five runs. Mosman, first innings 120; second innings, one wicket for 81 (Parsons 41 not out, Moore 23 not out). Waverley first innings 78; second innings, 118 (F. M'Elhone 42, A. M'Intyre 21). For Mosman Hooker got six wickets for 32, Moore one for 9, and Chapman one for 15.

NORTH SYDNEY v RANDWICK.

Concluded on the North Sydney oval, and won by North Sydney by an innings and 197 runs. North Sydney first innings closed at seven wickets for 452. Randwick, first innings 111 (Houston 56), second innings 144 (H. Beveridge 46, P. Beveridge 41). For North Sydney, Whatmore secured 11 wickets for 168, M'Phillamy three for 26, J. Minnett three for 21, Humphries one for 12.

BURWOOD v LEICHHARDT.

Burwood and Leichhardt played a drawn game at St. Luke's Park. Burwood closed their first innings at six wickets for 369 (M'Mullen not out 158, Jones 41, Holdsworth 35, W. Smith 33). Leichhardt lost six wickets for 198 (M'Leod not out 59, Phillips not out 45, Walker 22). None of the bowlers on either side performed with conspicuous success.

REDFERN v CENTRAL CUMBERLAND.

Concluded on the Redfern oval, and won by Redfern by four wickets and 62 runs. Redfern in their first innings made 134, and Central Cumberland responded with 113. In their second innings Central Cumberland were disposed of for 69 runs. Redfern then went in, and six wickets went down for 110 runs. Holmes, of Redfern, made a sensational catch at the boundary fence. He caught the ball by falling against the fence, and the batsman was given out. Holmes injured his arms and legs, and was dazed for some minutes. His action won for him loud applause.

SYDNEY v MIDDLE HARBOUR.

Sydney defeated Middle Harbour, at Manly, by 117 runs on the first innings. Sydney 234, Middle Harbour 117 and two for 76 (Calvert 25, Cropper 22 and 33 not out, and Triggs 23). Bowling for Sydney, Fuller took five for 38, and Harrison three for 22.

GLEBE v PETERSHAM.

These teams concluded their match at Hampden oval, Glebe winning by 109 runs on the first innings. Glebe, 234 for seven wickets, innings closed (Duggan not out 73, T. Roberts not out 30, Buckle 58, Norman 26, Miller 24); Petersham, 125 (Storey 25, Oram 30). Bowling for Glebe, Norman took five wickets for 37, Cockredge four for 35, and Duggan one for 2; and for Petersham, Bragg two for 68, Oram three for 64, and Newman two for 31, secured the wickets.

THIRD GRADE.

NORTH SYDNEY v GORDON.

Concluded on Birchgrove Park, and won by North Sydney by an innings and 114 runs. North Sydney scored 287 (Tremlett 40, Walmsley 29, Parsham 27), and Gordon 139 and 34. For North Sydney Parsham took four for 5, and Walmsley four for 11. Davenport (three for 82), Amery (three for 61), Lee (two for 30), and Chapman (one for 36), were the bowlers for Gordon.

PADDINGTON v SYDNEY.

These teams concluded their match on the Sydney Domain, Paddington winning by an innings and 37 runs. Paddington 183, Sydney 57 and 78 (Commins 26). Mannix (three for 14) bowled best for Paddington.

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS.

BALMAIN AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A Grade.

Rozelle, two for 252 (Ferrier 96 not out, Gray 75 not out, Gillies 60), v Five Dock, 30. For Rozelle, Boughtoon took five wickets for 8, and Shipway four for 20.

Refinery, two for 185 (Franks 80, Turner 53 not out), v Hunter-Baillie, 66. For Refinery, Bosley (three for 5), Turner (four for 25), bowled well.

Leichhardt-hill, 94 (Brisbane 30), v Bulwarra, 64 and two for 20. For Leichhardt-hill, Brisbane (six for 11), Phelps (three for 42), Francis (two for 11); for Bulwarra, Willis (4), Veitsch (3), Manners (2), secured wickets.

Balmain Earlsbrae, a bye.

B Grade.

Leichhardt Brotherhood, seven for 301 (Martin 152 not out, M'Graw 41, Skelton 36, Shenth 31, Clements 71), v Kendall Ward.

Annandale Cambridge, 89, v Rozelle Junior, 65 (Harrigan 22). For Rozelle, Wall took three for 19, Dunn three for 3, and Ralph three for 16.

Progress Lodge, three for 52 (Dent 25), v Binns, Wadge, and Brown, 107 (Law 37). For Progress Lodge, Curl (two for 18), Brownlee (two for 16), Adams (one for 18), Gibb (one for 15), Gostage (one for 16), Hume (one for 1).

Balmain Federal, two for 67 (Poole 40 not out, Glenister 21 not out), v Balmain Carlingford, 73 (Nelligan 29 not out, Marshall 25). For Federal, Gillies, five for 14; Blue, two for 28; Gillies, one for 11. For Carlingford, Harrison, two wickets.

Chippendale Mission, 152 (Withers 77 not out), v Five Dock Juniors, five for 64. For Chippendale, Breakwell, three for 30.

Annandale Altona, 160 (Haddock 28, Clinton 27), v Refinery B, 76 (Wilson 24). For Refinery, Edwards, three for 10; Owers, two for 13; Smellie, three for 19; Davidson, one for 14.

Leichhardt Surrey, 90 for six wickets (M'Fadden 23, Barker 20), v Annandale Oxford, 88 (Searle 25, Hadley 22). For Surrey, Smith, six for 27; for Oxford, M'Gonagal, five wickets.

WESTERN SUBURBS COMPETITION.

St. Peters, 193 (Bowes 42, Gow 35, Evans 35), defeated Ashfield, 134 (Brown 43, Clements 34, Joyce 23).

Newtown Oxford, nine for 233 (innings declared) (Carroll 60, Brooks 51, R. Sheppard 30, A. S. Sheppard 28 not out), defeated Newtown Congregational, 132 (Birkett 36).

St. Joseph's, 240 (Cowley 120), defeated St. Elmo.

Botany District, 197 (Vincent 103, W. Barboor 29), defeated Fernhill, 96 and eight wickets for 21 runs (Wiley 27).

Meeanee, eight wickets for 242 runs (innings declared) (Elridge 95, French 34), defeated Tramway, 147 (Lewis 70 not out, Burling 21).

Camperdown, 190 (Lovely 90, Horton 26, Milham 24, Barratt 24, Drane 21 not out), defeated Stedman Imperial, 82 and 46 (Markes 20).

Metter's, 224 (Wells 66, Kelso 27, Joyce 34, Woods 27, Bullock 23), defeated Belmore, 29 and 60 (Anderson 20).

Petersham Strathmore, 110 and 58 (Burrows 32, F. Morris 21), defeated Sargent's, 72 and four for 58.

Macdonaldtown, 144 and six for 78 (Montgomery 54, Thorne 25 not out, Stephenson 21), defeated Erskineville Junior, 117 (Plant 36, Butler 24, Kane 20).

Warren Cambridge, nine wickets for 222 (Barnes 87 not out, Scotter 73, Jones 22).

Petersham Avondale, 73 and 108 (Alcock 25 and 25), defeated Newtown Orlando, 78 and eight for 139 (Chilton 66).

Laycock, Son, and Nettleton, 275 (Perrin 76, Brown 75, M'Cutcheon 77), defeated Camden, 40 and six for 26.

Summer Hill Methodist, 143 and 167 (B. Medcalf 28 not out, Selig 27, B. Harris 54 not out), defeated Summer Hill Excelsior, 54, and four for 39.

Alexandria Thelma, 88 and eight wickets for 127 runs, defeated Matraville, 72.

South Sydney Waratah, 85 and seven for 85 (Maddison 38), defeated "Evening News," 73.

Granville Juniors, 94 and 78 (Banton 22, Watkin 27), defeated Summer Hill, 80 and three for 48 (James 32 not out).

CITY AND SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION.

Wayfarers, 167 (A. L. Jones 43 not out, N. Cooper 43, Lennartz 32), drew with I. Zingari, 9 for 143 (Dixon 40, Macarthur 30).

Drummoyne A., 143 (Henderson 21, Douglas 33, H. Boon 29), defeated Royal Mint, 62.

Wesley, nine wickets for 156 runs (Russell 32, Slater 24), defeated Drummoyne, 56.

MOORE PARK ASSOCIATION.

James Ward, 139 (Houghton 58 retired, Simpson 33), v Royal Oaks, 60 (Donohue 24).

Enoch Taylor, nine wickets for 109 runs (Thomas 30, Donohue 32), v Orwell, 50.

Sydney Juniors, 192 (Morris 78, Allen 22, Sparks 20, Johns 20), v A.T. and Co.

B., A., T. and Co., 116 (Campbell 45), v Carlton.

Marylebone, nine wickets for 208 runs (Lynch 48, Hodgson 37, Brown 43, Taylor 32), v Burlington.

St. David's (bye) defeated All Soul's (Leichhardt). St. David's compiled 118 (Martin 21, Scott 21); All Souls' 54 (Ashdown 20).

St. Benedict's, 94 (O'Connor 25, Leves 21); St. James', 32.

John Danks, 177 (Wharton 40, F. Wharton 39, Hoenger 24), v "Australian Star," three for 11.

Glebe Junior, five for 210.

Furguson, 92, Lindsay 60, Body 20, v Victoria Park.

Grosvenor, 76 and two for 6, v St. Saviour's, 51.

"Bulletin," 129 (Smith 49 not out, M'Mahon 22), v St. David's B, 40.

CENTENNIAL PARK COMPETITION.

A Grade.

Standard, 233 (Edson 42, Cubitt 37, Poulter 32), defeated Surry United, 126, and five wickets for 34 (Cann 31), by 107.

Waratah, 146 (Asser 54, Egan 37), beat Alberts, 72 and 12, by an innings and 62 runs.

Epacris, 145 (Fenton 50), beat Glammis, 32 and 102 (Howard 36), by an innings and 11 runs. For Epacris Wells took seven for 43, and Bourke nine for 40.

Kamilaroi, 61 and nine for 110 (H. Jones 69 not out), defeated Double Bay Wentworth, 75 and 65, by a wicket and 31 runs.

B Grade.

Gladstone, 170 (Kent 93, Baxter 30), beat David Jones, 50 and 66, by an innings and 45. For Gladstone, Gibby took 12 wickets for 36.

Warwick, 71 and 140 (Smith 30 and 30, M'Crae 37), beat G.U.O.O.F., 98 and eight for 90, by 21.

Allings, 114 and eight for 62 (Nicholls 20 and 35), beat Little Coogee, 58 and 42, by 76 runs.

Randwick, 151 (Lorking 53), beat Glammis, 49 and 15, by an innings and 87.

Standard, 124 and one for 34, beat Kamilaroi, 17 and 35. Lewis took 11 for 29, and Paterson nine for 23, for Standard.

Oroya, 146 (Kidney 36), beat Speedwell, 44 and 67, by an innings and 40. Hill, for the winners, took six for 22, and Terry four for 14.

NORTHERN SUBURBS' ASSOCIATION.

A Grade.

Methodist, 205 (F. Wade 91, H. Crapp 38, Carden 28), and one wicket for 113, innings closed (Les Lee 78 not out, Len Lee 25), defeated Brick and Tile, 128, and nine for 92 (Dent 46, Bowen 31, Mason 26).

Willoughby, 257 (A. Miller 80, Walker 21, Johnson 27), defeated St. Thomas's, 124, and six for 66 (C. Mayo 22 and 25, H. Briggs 20 and 31 not out, J. Truman 31).

Lane Cove, 171, and six for 69, defeated St. Leonard's, 130.

Belmore, 131, and five for 55 (H. Gray 37 and 28, G. Riley 37, M. Carroll, jun., 25 not out), defeated Naremburn, 125 (W. Lee 26, A. Ebert 24, Tair 20).

B Grade.

Methodist, 109, and nine for 134 (Knight 47, Small 43, Crawford 23, J. Knight 20), defeated Chatswood, 80 (Cooke 41).

Brick and Tile, 158 and 91 (Pobjoe 41, Mason 36 not out), defeated Belmore, 65, and four for 94 (Easton 28, Wilson 23 not out).

Warringah defeated P.F.A.

Artarmon, 153 (English 57, Parari 36), defeated Lane Cove, 67 and 36 (Corpas 21).

ST. GEORGE ASSOCIATION.

A Grade.

Hurstville, 308 (J. Docking 120, R. M'Kenzie 47, F. Jones 40, L. May 27, J. Docking 25), drew with Bexley, eight for 313 (C. Lardner 106, Tuckwell 61, W. Rose 28, A. Preddy 27 not out, T. Brierly 23). Bowling for Bexley Tuckwell took three for 83; Smith, four for 124. For Hurstville A. Smithson took four for 58, and R. Brown three for 92.

Arncliffe, 197 (A. Nosworthy 47, S. Crispo 46, A. Hopkins 33), beat Bexley Oriental, 167 (H. Donnan 31, F. Wright 29, A. Cooper 22, H. Scope 20). Bowling for Arncliffe C. Crispo took six for 51, E. Place two for 30. For Bexley Oriental H. Donnan took four for 40, J. Farr two for 60.

Kogarah Borough, 141 (A. Hatfield 39, W. Matheson 26, J. Ledgerd 23), and two for 26, beat Carlton, 77 and 88 (A. Warland 27). Bowling for Kogarah Borough M. Heuston took five for 30 and one for 26, W. Matheson took two for 7, and two for 39. For Carlton Warland took three for 16, and W. Johnson three for 27.

Hurstville Methodist, 148 (J. Parkinson 27, S. Leeder 21, F. Parkinson 21), beat Sans Souci, 31 (J. Campbell 21), and 77 (R. Steenbohm 34). Bowling for Hurstville Methodist Fred Parkinson took three for 9, J. Wright three for 32, and Frank Parkinson two for 17.

B Grade.

Hurstville Gloucester, 156 (J. Nield 28, A. Dunstan 27), beat Arncliffe Congregational, 25 and 63 (H. Harper 23). Bowling for Arncliffe Congregational W. Lane took five for 24, A. Cork three for 39. For Hurstville Gloucester D. Mulley took seven for 14, and four for 37, Turner one for 2 and five for 26.

Penshurst, 235 (Haydon 66, E. Newlyn 36, A. Bryant 33 not out, G. Bassett 24), beat Bexley, 84 (Linklater 21) and 64 (G. Griggs 23). Bowling for Penshurst E. Newlyn took five for 30 and two for 21, Bryant three for 15, Nestor four for 15. For Bexley Griggs took six for 64, Challinor three for 73.

Rockdale Methodist, 112 (G. Fizell 27, R. Bingham 25) and six for 53, beat Kogarah Congregational, 100 (S. Huxley 33), and 61. Bowling for Rockdale Methodist O. Trevarthen took five for 20 and five for 17, W. Mascord four for 27 and four for 34. For Kogarah Congregational R. Brown took four for 41 and two for 18, H. Farr three for 42 and two for 17.

Queen's Jubilee, 225 (F. Breakspear 64, H. Iliffe 44, G. Simpson 26, H. Breakspear, 25, E. M'Millan 23), beat Mortdale, 60 (C. Byron 32, V. Murphy 26), and 141 (H. Walker 27, V. Murphy 32, A. Lucas 30). Bowling for Mortdale H. Walker took four for 36, R. Graham three for 62. For Queen's Jubilee F. Griffiths took four for 31, J. Redpath three for 27.

Rockdale, 209 (E. Fisher 67, L. Iliffe 35, S. Sheriff 34, T. Sullivan 28), beat Kogarah District, 67 (H. Dumont 22, P. Ferris 21 not out) and 60 (P. Ferris 22). Bowling for Rockdale T. Sullivan took five for 19, J. M'Intosh three for 6; for Kogarah District, P. Ferris took six for 90, J. Wright two for 29.

Hurstville St. George, 175 (A. Slater 50, L. Slater 34, F. Thompson 29, C. Negus 22 not out) and two for 44, beat Kogarah Methodist, 76 and 92 (W. Wilson 31 not out). Bowling for Hurstville St. George, A. Slater took three for 9 and three for 19, G. Wilson five for 18, L. Slater four for 17; for Kogarah Methodist, W. Munns took six for 24, and A. Rolfe two for 44.

C Grade.

First Division.

Mortdale, 42 and 57, beat Kogarah Waratah, 55 and 40. Bowling for Mortdale, S. Archer took three for 7 and six for 17, Coleborne five for 9 and four for 20; for Kogarah Waratah, Kennedy took four for 6, and Redfern four for 7 and two for 1.

Bellevue, 33 and 57, beat Arncliffe St. David's, 35. Bowling for Bellevue, C. Thompson took four for 8 and two for 0, Davis three for 10 and two for 9, Hunt five for 1; for St. David's, Milsop took five for 11, M'Inery three for 8.

Arncliffe Junior, 182 (Mahoney 57, R. Hatfield 36, S. Russell 20), beat Bexley Institute, 48 and 53. Bowling for Arncliffe Junior, Stubbs took four for 22 and five for 27, B. Hatfield one for 16 and four for 18, H. Russell five for 3; for Bexley Institute, C. Lewis took five for 54, Neville three for 8, Dicken two for 34.

Second Division.

Forest Hill, 64 and 66 (D. Begg 30), beat Kogarah School, 34 and 28. Bowling for Forest Hill, M'Donald took five for 15, Stores four for 9; for Kogarah School, N. Wals took five for 26, G. Heuston three for 15.

Rockdale Junior, 55 and 57, beat Hurstville Glenmore, 54.

St. Andrew's, Sans Souci, 68 and four for 50, beat Rockdale College, 45 and 66.

Kogarah Belgrave, 140 (C. Vincent 30, H. Hatfield 24), beat Bexley Choirboys, 22 and 50. Bowling for Kogarah Belgrave, Curtis took five for 12, Young four for 9, Derwent three for 30; for Bexley Choirboys, Vincent took six for 8.

IN MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The cricket season opened yesterday in fine weather. Melbourne lost six wickets for 256 runs against South Melbourne. Hazlitt played a fine innings for 63, and Ransford scored 61. Laver began well with a century for East Melbourne against the University. His club lost eight wickets for 241 runs. Prahran knocked up 215 runs for the loss of four wickets against Richmond, Stephens making 73. St. Kilda dismissed Collingwood for 102, and then lost two wickets for 80. Prior, of North Melbourne, captured six of Northcote's wickets for 39, while Spencer secured four for 30. Spencer also caught four men in the slips. Northcote made 100, and North Melbourne scored 39, and still have 10 wickets to fall. Essendon and Carlton met on a bad wicket at Essendon. Essendon were dismissed for 80, Saunders taking six for 22. Carlton responded with only 73. Forsyth, a new bowler, got the good average of seven for 39.

IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Monday.

In the Brisbane premiership cricket, which commenced on Saturday, Woolloongabba scored 228 (E. R. Crouch not out 131) against Oxley, four for 54. For Oxley Stanley took four wickets for 3 runs. Nundah scored 109 (M. Dind 52) against North Brisbane, four for 115 (R. Harrigan 50). Valley scored 108 against South Brisbane, four for 140 (W. B. Hayes 93). Toombul scored freely against Toowong, at Toowong, closing their innings after three wickets had fallen for 302. Guy Brown made 201, and W. T. Evans 107 not out. While together Evans and Brown added 266 for the third wicket.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

The district cricket season opened in fine weather on Saturday, although the wickets were somewhat uncertain. University put up 239 for five wickets against Glenelg, Dolling making 112. North Adelaide, led by Claxton (89) and Bloomfield (60), scored 208 for seven wickets against East Torrens. Sturt made 163 for nine wickets against Port Adelaide, Sturt leading with 56. On a crumbly wicket at Hindmarsh, Travers and Wright, bowling unchanged, dismissed West Torrens for 47; but Adelaide only made 56, Pretty capturing seven wickets for 14 runs.

BEGA, Saturday.

A cricket club has been formed at Bega with the following officials:—President, Mr. V. J. Tarlinton; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Henion, E. D. Quinlan, and D. A. Irving; treasurer, Mr. William Young; secretaries, Messrs. John Quinlan and Stanley Underhill.

CAMDEN, Saturday.

Camden defeated Campbelltown Federals to-day by five wickets and 30 runs. Bowling for Camden, A. K'Nevin took eight for 24, and Brown two for 17.

LITHGOW, Monday.

A cricket match was played on Saturday afternoon between the Ironworks' and Blue Mountains clubs. The Ironworks were dismissed for 48 runs, and the Blue Mountains for 32. The Ironworks again went to the wickets, and when stumps were drawn had lost seven wickets for 50 runs.

At the annual meeting of the Half-holiday Cricket Association the following officers were elected:—Patron, Mr. J. E. Ireland; president, Mr. E. Gosnell; vice-presidents, Rev. D. Smith, Major Bracey, Messrs. John James, N. Bauer, R. T. Robinson, T. Sutton, and J. Ashley; treasurer, Mr. J. Galvin; secretary, Mr. R. Upton.

TAMWORTH, Saturday.

A sub-union for the control of second grade cricket has been formed, and the following officers were elected at a meeting of delegates last night:—President, the Mayor (Alderman Alexander Matheson); vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Hickson and A. Joseph; hon. secretary, H. Peek; treasurer, R. Bissett. Fix clubs have already announced that they will take part in a competition.

WOLLONGONG, Sunday.

The cricket competition was continued yesterday. Results:—Wollongong, 91; Bulli, 429 (Richardson 120 not out). Figtree B, 22 and 15; Flinders, 236. Figtree A, 247; Keira B, 84. Keira, 148; Dapto, 132.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

CYCLISTS' UNION.

A 20 miles road race from Parramatta to Windsor will take place at an early date. The prizes will consist of £5, £3, and £1 respectively. There will also be a time prize worth £1, and £1 for the club providing the largest entry. A social evening will be held on the night of the race.

HARTLEY VALE HANDICAPS.

The Hartley Vale sports on the 12th inst. have attracted a large entry. Two important events will be decided. Following are the handicaps:—

Valley Stakes, 1m.—G. H. Horder, scr; B. P. Kett (Vic.), 65yds; F. Henning, T. Sheridan, 70; W. M. Sladden, 85; A. W. Marsh, 110; W. Jones, 120; O. H. Williams, J. Williams, 130; H. H. Allen, H. W. Palmer, J. Ford, A. Murphie, J. Neal, C. Watson, J. Orchard, 140; W. H. Mortlock, J. R. Hibbert, 150; J. Jones, H. A. Morgan, F. W. Harris, 160; L. Duncan, L. Cosier, A. Morris, 170; P. P. Dalton, A. E. Bolt, J. B. Williams, F. E. Porter, H. G. Porter, 180; T. Merrick, A. C. Kelly, E. Gentle, A. J. Cowing, 190; H. Hoy, S. H. G. Kelly, A. Wade, A. E. Simpson, S. J. Field, A. O. Prior, 200.

Eight-hour Demonstration Handicap, 1m.—G. H. Horder, scr; B. P. Kett, 65yds; F. Henning, T. Sheridan, 70; W. M. Sladden, 85; A. W. Marsh, 110; A. H. Williams, J. Williams, 130; H. A. Allen, H. W. Palmer, J. Ford, A. J. Orchard, 140; W. H. Mortlock, J. R. Hibbert, 150; J. Jones, H. A. Jones, H. A. Morgan, F. W. Harris, 160; L. Duncan, L. Cosier, A. Morris, 170; A. E. Bolt, J. B. Williams, F. E. Porter, H. G. Porter, 180; T. Merrick, A. C. Kelly, E. Gentle, A. J. Cowing, 190; H. Hoy, S. H. G. Kelly, A. Wade, A. E. Simpson, S. J. Field, A. O. Prior, 200.

MARRICKVILLE CLUB'S ROAD RACE.

The Marrickville club will hold its 20 miles road race on October 10 on the Homebush course.

The annual 10 miles club championship will be held on November 8, entries closing on November 1.

SPEEDWELL FIFTY MILES ROAD RACE.

Next Saturday entries for this event will be due with the union secretary.

NEW MOTOR ESTABLISHMENT.

THE ART OF BODY BUILDING.

Messrs. Angus and Son, the well-known coachbuilders of Castlereagh-street, Sydney, have just entered the motor business. They have secured the sole agency for the Siddeley car, a famous British production, turned out by the Wolseley Siddeley Company. They have also arranged to run the S.P.A. cars, one of Italy's best made motor vehicles. The firm has also arranged to garage motor vehicles, and do all kinds of repair work.

"We have in years past," said Mr. Angus, "devoted our attention entirely to horse-drawn vehicles. Lately the motor business has made great strides. It soon became clear to us that while the turning out of sulkies and buggies would be in as great demand as ever, the same would not apply to carriages. There has been a heavy falling off in orders for the higher class of horse-drawn vehicle owing to the wealthier classes taking to motor cars. Recognising the trend of affairs I sent my son to England to secure the best motor agency possible. Meanwhile our firm took on body building for imported motor chassis. As with body building so you will find it will be with our other departments. Soon we will have two new stories added to our present building. A large hydraulic lift will convey vehicles from the bottom to the top floor. For repairing we have just secured from England one of the best mechanical engineers possible. He served his time with the Wolseley, and later the Siddeley-Wolseley Company, and is conversant with all kinds of intricate motor work."

SAILING.

THE OPEN BOATS.

As in previous seasons, the Sydney Flying Squadron and Sydney Sailing Club have adopted programmes that will give the open boats plenty of racing during the 1908-9 season. In all there will be something like 38 races, carrying prize money to the extent of about £375, in which the open boats will be able to take part. In addition to the Flying Squadron and the Sydney Club, each providing ten races, there will be a test race to select a boat to go to Western Australia in January, and also the customary races at the anniversary, Balmain, and Middle Harbour regattas. Besides the test race referred to, it is intended to treat the two club championships as test races, so that the best boat may be chosen to represent the State.

With regard to the fleet, several of the old boats will be dropping out, but there will be at least three new ones, these being Crescent VII. (C. Dunn), Lilian (G. Degan), and Livonia (J. T. Robinson, sen.). Then, again, Vision and Ben My Chree (late Alert) will take part in the racing once more, so that the boats which will not be found racing will be practically replaced by others. Vision will be sailed by W. J. Duncan, junr., of Mona fame, while W. J. Holmes will have charge of Zena in all her races, and Eileen will be in the hands of W. Dunn. The racing during the season should be quite as attractive as it was last season, and the outlook so far as the two clubs which cater for the open boats are concerned is equally promising.

SWIMMING.

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY.

Mr. George H. Williams, secretary of the Royal Life-saving Society, New South Wales head centre, has just returned from a month's organising tour in the western and southern districts of the State.

During the first part of September, all the towns on the main and branch lines between Sydney and Bourke were visited, special attention being devoted to the Public schools in each place.

To the pupils and teachers the life-saving methods of the society were fully explained and demonstrated, with the result that almost in every case it was decided to form classes for instruction.

The headmasters and the district inspectors of schools gave the society's representative every encouragement. Regret was frequently expressed that this important work had not been made known to the country years ago. The necessity for a knowledge of life-saving appealed strongly to the residents of places where drowning fatalities, which might have been prevented, had previously taken place.

The latter part of September was occupied in extending the instruction to all the towns in the southern and south-western lines, as far as Albury and Hay, those on the branch lines being also visited. Some of the teachers were found to be certificated members of the society, and were consequently able to take up the work with confidence. Several of the classes hope to be ready for examination before Christmas.

The only drawback in many cases was the absence of bathing facilities, a local dam or waterhole being the only place available. Nevertheless, the headmasters considered it advisable to give their pupils the benefit of the society's land and resuscitation drill, which might prove of service to them in other places.

Nearly 4000 miles were covered by rail and coach during the month by Mr. Williams, at considerable personal discomfort, the weather at times being intensely cold, with snow at places on the highlands. This tour practically completed the extension of life-saving instruction over the whole of the State, which the Royal Life-saving Society undertook on receiving the grant in aid from the Government last January. During the secretary's absence in the country, the work of the society in Sydney was carried out by Mr. A. T. Hendry, the honorary treasurer.

LEICHHARDT AND DISTRICT CLUB.

At the annual meeting of this club held in the local Town Hall there was a large attendance, and Mr. A. Fraser presided. The report and balance-sheet were regarded as satisfactory. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Alderman W. J. Pearson; president, Mr. A. Fraser; vice-presidents, 16; captain, Mr. J. P. Symes; vice-captain, Mr. P. T. Johnstone; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. J. Wilson; hon. race secretary, Mr. F. Plumb; committee, Messrs. H. J. Bailey, W. Baskerville, R. Muir, A. Cullen, A. Miller, W. Scott; hon. handicapper, Mr. J. P. Symes; swimming instructors, Messrs. P. Johnston and J. Matterson; delegates to N.S.W.A.S.A., Messrs. H. J. Bailey and J. P. Symes; delegates to W.S.A.S.A., Messrs. H. J. Wilson, J. Symes, and H. Bailey; hon. medical officer, Dr. T. W. Lipscombe.

CONQUEROR OF THE CHANNEL.

Thirty-three years ago Captain Matthew Webb accomplished that famous swim which is the only instance on record of a human being swimming from England to France (says an English exchange). Once before he had tried and failed, but in the afternoon of August 24, 1875, he took to the water off Dover, and on the following day, after swimming for 21¾ hours, he gained the goal at Calais for which so many have striven unsuccessfully since. Burgess, in one of his magnificent attempts, swam sixty miles in 22½ hours before, beaten by a head-wind, he gave up a mile and a half from shore; it is interesting, therefore, to remember that Captain Webb's success was in large measure due to the comparatively direct course he took, the total distance he covered being estimated at 32 miles.

Not satisfied with his triumph over the English Channel, the great swimmer a few years later tried his strength against the rapids of the Niagara River, a venture that proved his last. Where the almost placid stream narrows into a brook that has to take all the water from the falls it becomes a turbulent torrent, roaring, boiling, and foaming; and there the intrepid swimmer met his master. Once or twice his head was seen above the white surf, but the whirlpool sucked him down, and he was never seen again until his bruised and battered corpse came ashore lower down. One person only ever went over the Falls and lived. A Mrs. Taylor—who still sells souvenirs at the Falls—went over in a barrel, stuffed with pillows, and weighted with an anvil to keep it upright.

BOXING.

STERLING DEFEATS GRIMM.

At the Stadium last night Sterling, a Cobar heavy-weight, of little ring experience as far as first-class boxing is concerned, defeated Joe Grimm, the "iron man of Philadelphia," in a 20-round bout on points. As an exhibition of boxing the contest was disappointing. Sterling's inexperience was apparent in the absence of any clever footwork, a point upon which Grimm, who has fulfilled no less than 347 ring engagements, was fairly strong. Throughout the 20 rounds Sterling did all the leading, using although not effectively, a straight left. His more active opponent imported into the contest a variety of deliveries not seen here in first-class matches. He made wide swings that never reached their mark, probably intended to befool his opponent. Occasionally, however, he used some effective straight punches, which Sterling, by quiet steady work for the most part, managed to guard. The Cobar man, keeping supremely cool, and relying on his one solid straight punch, scored most points in the majority of rounds, and, indeed, in several he distinctly prevailed. The decision in his favour was received with tumultuous applause. Several thousand people were present.

In the preliminary Wells defeated Green in the third round.

At the Gaiety to-night J. Costa and J. Griffin will meet in a contest billed for 20 rounds.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

TOWN HALL FOR VAUCLUSE.

The need of some structure possessing greater facilities for the conduct of municipal business and public affairs than the present council-chambers at Watson's Bay is being increasingly felt. At present there is one galvanised iron structure of limited dimensions available in Vaucluse. The building which does duty as council-chambers is a very old one. It was originally built for residential purposes, and was known as the Gap Hotel. It was possibly considered modern at the time the Dunbar was wrecked within a stone's throw of it over 50 years ago. Even then it was not new. The matter has been mentioned in the council, but so far it has not gone beyond the introducing stage.

SPECIAL FUNERAL CARRIAGES.

The want of special accommodation for those attending funerals at the Woronora Cemetery, Sutherland, has impressed itself upon the St. Peters Council, which on Monday evening had the following communication before Kogarah Council:—"I have to ask if your council will grant its valuable support to an appeal to the Commissioners for Railways asking that special carriages be reserved for mourners on the funeral trains to and from Woronora Cemetery. It may be pointed out that large numbers of picnic parties, in hilarious mood, travel by the same train to the many pleasant resorts on the Illawarra line, and it will be at once seen that the comfort of the mourners, distressed by grief, demands that carriages be set apart for their exclusive use. It was resolved to ask for the co-operation of Kogarah, Hurstville, Bexley, and Rockdale councils, and if the matter meets with approval will you forward a letter in support to the Railway Commissioners?" Kogarah Council endorsed the contention, and will write as desired. It was also pointed out that years ago special cars were reserved.

ILLAWARRA SUNDAY TRAINS.

For some time past the Kogarah Council has been agitating for later trains on Sunday. At Monday's meeting of the council a letter was read from the Commissioners, stating: "It is proposed, in connection with the summer timetable, to come into operation next month, to run a train from Sydney to Hurstville at 10.35 p.m. on Sunday, calling at all stations; and also, on the up journey, a train from Hurstville at 10.30 p.m., reaching Sydney shortly after 11 o'clock. It is regretted that circumstances at the present time would not warrant a compliance with the request for the extension of the 4.40 p.m. train Sydney-Rockdale to Hurstville. In regard to the Sunday service to Como, the existing service, which is a liberal one, is considered to meet all requirements, and it would not appear that any additional service is justified at present. The council greeted the announcement of the new trains with satisfaction, but at the instance of Alderman Nielsen, decided to again urge the necessity for the extension of the 4.40 p.m. to Hurstville.

MAYORAL ALLOWANCE ASKED FOR.

AN ENFIELD DISCUSSION.

Alderman A. E. Weil (Mayor of Enfield) submitted a minute to the Enfield Council on Tuesday evening, in which he asked that the council should vote a reasonable sum for Mayoral expenses, and suggested that a pony and trap be purchased for the use of the overseer and inspectors, or members of committees who had to inspect a large area. A good deal of time was lost through the inspector having to walk. He had also given notice to the owners of properties in the vicinity of dairies to kerb and gutter, in order to do away with the nuisance of dirty gutters complained of by the Board of Health. He recommended the contract system of garbage destruction for the borough, and suggested proceedings against owners of straying stock.

The aldermen decided to take the various Mayoral proposals in their order, and as that relating to the purchase of a pony and trap was first, Alderman Milburn seconded the Mayor's motion. The aldermen, however, failed to take the proposal seriously, only the Mayor and Alderman Milburn voting for it.

On the question of a Mayoral allowance, the council decided to take legal advice, in order to see if it had power to vote money for the purpose. It was decided to call tenders for the removal and destruction of garbage, and to support the Mayor in action making for the cleanliness of the municipality and the prevention of the straying stock nuisance.

MIDDLE HARBOUR BATHS.

At the head of Moore's Creek, known to all frequenters of the upper reaches of Middle Harbour, is what is known as the Bogey Hole, containing deep clear water, and forming a large and natural swimming area. This lies within the boundaries of the Roseville Park, and the trustees determined to provide the necessary shark-proof fencing, by which it would be increased in attractiveness. This work has been carried out, and at the invitation of the president of the park trust (Mr. Eden Babbage) a body of gentlemen proceeded on Saturday to the spot and inspected the new bathing enclosure, which gives a swimming length of 150 yards. The baths were formally opened by Mr. W. T. Wait (president of the Kuring-gai Shire), who congratulated Mr. Babbage on the energy and interest of the trustees. Mr. Babbage stated that it was his intention to communicate with all the schools in the district, and bring the baths under their notice, with a view to encouraging the science of swimming.

GOLF.

The following competitions were played yesterday:—

ROYAL SYDNEY G.C.

The Rawson Cup.—Two Rounds Against Bogey.

	Hcp.	1st round.	2nd round.	Total.
M. B. Halligan	7	1 down	1 up	square
N. G. Pilcher	7	1 down	2 down	3 down
J. S. Marks	5	2 down	2 down	4 down
H. M. Stephen	1	4 down	3 down	7 down
H. R. Forbes Mackay	5	6 down	2 down	8 down
S. E. Laidley	7	4 down	4 down	8 down
H. M. Hamilton	8	5 down	5 down	10 down
E. M. Stephen	5	5 down	6 down	11 down
W. Metcalfe	9	6 down	6 down	12 down
Dr. Shepherd	3	9 down	5 down	14 down
R. Gore	4	5 down	9 down	14 down
A. E. Nott	8	7 down	7 down	14 down
R. J. Browning	11	10 down	5 down	15 down
E. J. Erskine	17	6 down	9 down	15 down
Dr. Jones	14	9 down	10 down	19 down

AUSTRALIAN G.C.

Medal Match.

Langer-Owen	91— 8=83
A. L. Potter	95—16=79
F. W. Hill	101—15=86
O. L. M'Coy	95— 8=87

Campbell Cup.—18 Holes, Bogey Handicap.

T. Smith, hcp 3, 2 down.
C. T. Metcalfe, hcp 2, 4 down.
J. S. Allen, hcp 5, 4 down.
F. A. Thorpe, hcp 8, 4 down.
H. H. Marshall, hcp 8, 4 down.
A. Orr, hcp 4, 5 down.
R. Worrall, hcp 6, 6 down.
W. A. Purdom, hcp 11, 6 down.

Entries close with the secretary on Wednesday for the teams match to be played next Saturday.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

36 Holes, Bogey Handicap, for Trophy presented by Miss Kiss.

	Hcp.	Net Morning.	Net Aftern'n.	Total.
Miss C. Trevor Jones	3	3 down	5 down	8 down
Miss Druet	2	4 down	5 down	9 down
Miss F. Wray	5	5 down	4 down	9 down

MARRICKVILLE G.C.

Stroke Competition.

S. Smith	90—11=79
H. W. M'Lelland	88— 7=81
S. W. Barker	94—12=82
J. E. Stokes	89— 4=85
N. S. Collie	100—15=85
R. Aitken	93— 4=89

Bogey Competition.

J. E. Stokes, hcp. 3, 1 down.
Dr. Sydney Jones, hcp. 1, 5 down.
W. Anderson, hcp. 3, 5 down.
N. S. Collie, hcp. 10, 5 down.
H. W. Johnson, hcp. 10, 6 down.
R. Aitken, hcp. 3, 7 down.

CONCORD G.C.

Bogey Competition.

D. L. Aitken, hcp. 15, 4 up.
J. M. Arnott, hcp. 8, 2 up.
W. Epps, hcp. 12, square.
J. P. Muir, hcp. 13, 1 down.
H. F. Kent, hcp. 1, 2 down.
J. Nettleton, hcp. 8, 2 down.
D. W. Roxburgh, hcp. 18, 2 down.
J. P. Hardy, hcp. 18, 2 down.
H. W. Chambers, hcp. 9, 3 down.
M. F. Dawkins, hcp. 13, 3 down.
W. J. Gunning, hcp. 13, 3 down.
H. Y. Little, hcp. 18, 5 down.

Stroke Competition.

H. F. Dawborn	92—[illegible]
W. J. Gunning	96—18=78
Dr. A. E. Mills	90—11=79
R. B. Godbolt	85— 2=83
D. L. Aitken	100—20=80
W. A. Little	99—18=81
C. Hope	91— 9=82
H. W. Chambers	94—12=82
F. D. Layton	89— 6=83
A. L. Mullens	92— 7=85
W. Epps	104—18=86

KILLARA G.C.

Fry Challenge Cup. 36 holes bogey.

A. L. Parker, hcp 28, 8 down.
W. A. Miscamble, hcp 24, 7 down.
G. J. Doyle, hcp 25, 9 down.
W. Andrew, hcp 14, 11 down.
H. G. Hyde, hcp 18, 11 down.
L. Upward, hcp 24, 11 down.

The best morning score was G. J. Doyle's hcp ¾, square; and the best afternoon, W. Andrew, hcp 7, 3 down.

HUNTER'S HILL G.C.

Competitions for Trophies presented by Mr. F. A. A. Russell.

18 Holes, Bogey.

R. C. Lethbridge, hcp 5, 1 up.
F. H. Spier, hcp 8, square.
A. S. Edwards, hcp 6, 1 down.
G. D. Dampney, hcp 10, 2 down.
M. W. Lysaght, scr, 5 down.
R. Smith, hcp 23, 5 down.
T. Buckland, hcp 6, 5 down.
F. H. Blaxland, hcp 5, 6 down.
H. D. Walsh, hcp 14, 6 down.

18 Holes' Stroke.

R. C. Lethbridge	76— 6=70
F. H. Blaxland	85— 6=79
F. H. Spier	90—10=80
F. Duboise	101—19=82
R. J. A. Roberts	88— 6=82
G. D. Dampney	96—12=84
R. L. Ranken	87— 4=83
H. D. Walsh	100—17=83

CAMMERAY G.C.

Stroke competition for trophy presented by the president, Mr. Small.

J. Deighton	91—11=80
J. S. Cargill	102—18=84
J. M. Wilshire	111—27=84
H. G. Vaughan	103—18=85
H. P. Wormald	114—27=87
W. N. Kelman	95— 7=88

DOBROYDE G.C.

Stroke competition for trophy presented by Mr. J. W. Edwards.

F. S. Shenstone	91— 9=82
A. Core	92—10=82
D. Mackellar	92— 8=84
K. Harrison	85, scr, 85
O. Robertson	103—18=85

PARRAMATTA v CAMDEN AND CAMPBELLTOWN.

Foursomes.

Parramatta.				Camden-Campbelltown.		
Dr. Brown and L. J. Berckelman	0	0	v	F. Merewether and S. Moore	1	4
R. W. Mackellar and A. F. Jacob	1	2	v	A. C. Payten and H. Sheils	0	0
G. C. Scouller and H. B. Cowper	1	5	v	P. Crossing and F. Moore	0	0
J. Wilson and F. Dryden	1	6	v	C. R. von Arnheim and C. Statham	0	0
	3	13			1	4

Singles.

Dr. W. S. Brown	1	2	v	F. Merewether	0	0
L. J. Berckelman	0	0	v	S. Moore	1	2
Dr. Bowman	sq.		v	A. G. Payten	sq.	
G. C. Scouller	1	5	v	H. Sheils	0	0
A. F. Jacob	1	6	v	P. Crossing	0	0
R. W. Mackellar	0	0	v	F. Moore	1	2
J. Wilson	1	3	v	C. R. von Arnheim	0	0
F. Dryden	1	3	v	C. Statham	0	0
	5	19			2	4

UNIVERSITY G.C.

The following are the draw, handicaps, and times of starting for the annual bogey competition at Rose Bay, on Wednesday:—F. J. Blaxland (scr.) v E. M. Stephen (4), 1.30; W. A. Windeyer (5) v D. S. Edwards (5), 1.34; K. I. Newman (3) v Dr. Terry (4), 1.38; T. W. Garrett (5) v T. Simpson (3), 1.42; C. A. Sinclair (5) v H. D. M'Lelland (6), 1.46; Dr. Hinder (8) v Dr. Pockley (2), 1.50; Dr. Jenkins (10) v J. Garland (7), 1.54; F. A. A. Russell (7) v H. Wolstenholme (7), 1.58; H. G. Holle (10) v J. A. Thompson (7), 2.2; Dr. P. S. Jones (scr.) v H. M. Stephen (1), 2.6; Dr. Hetherington (9) v Dr. Palmer (8), 2.10; Dr. Mills (9) v Dr. R. H. Jones (13), 2.14; Dr. W. J. White (17) v R. G. Priddle (13), 2.18; E. H. Sheppard (13) v F. D. Kent (16), 2.22; Dr. Hurst (13) v R. Smith (15), 2.26; A. H. Uther (6) v A. V. Hilliard (6), 2.30; Prof. Warren (12) v Dr. Flashman (15), 2.34; Dr. Morton (8) v Dr. Littlejohn (6), 2.38.

CHATSWOOD CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Chatswood Club was held in the pavilion on Wednesday evening. Mr. W. Wilkie presided. The report was of a satisfactory character, and showed that the matches played during the year numbered 81, of which 39 were won, 40 lost, and two drawn, 5777 points being scored for the club and 5629 against it, showing a surplus of 148 points in favour of the club. Mr. G. A. Chapman won the championship, Mr. L. Leplastrier being the runner-up. The president's trophy was won by Mr. A. A. C. Bastian. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £15 4s 7d, the total receipts being £1024 10s, and the expenditure £1009 5s 9d.

LITHGOW G.C.

LITHGOW, Friday.

At the annual meeting of the golf club the secretary's report stated that the past year had been most successful. The membership was 36. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £5 8s. The election of officers resulted:—President, Major Bracey; treasurer, Mr. J. Colley; secretary, Mr. G. W. Richardson.

MOSS VALE G.C.

MOSS VALE, Monday.

A choice score competition was played to-day. Result:—

J. S. Creagh	41—6=35
T. A. F. M'Carthy	45—8=37
H. Gale	44—6=38
W. Stevenson	42—4=38
J. R. Scroggie	46—7=39
A. H. Garraway	42—3=39
Dr. F. C. Stevenson	47—7=40
L. Gale	47—6=41
Rev. W. Fisher	50—7=43

TEAMS MATCH AT LEURA.

LEURA, Monday.

A match was played to-day between teams captained by Mr. Frank M'Leod and Mr. J. Portus. Results:—

Mr. M'Leod's Team.				Mr. Portus's Team.		
Dr. G. B. Thomas	0	0	v	H. B. Gritton	1	6
L. F. Osborne	1	2	v	A. J. Craig	0	0
D. A. M'Millan	1	6	v	R. H. Crowther	0	0
W. Chorley	1	2	v	W. V. Shiels	0	0
E. P. Andreas	0	0	v	E. A. Roberts	1	5
H. B. Curlewis	0	0	v	A. B. Bakewell	1	1
E. Read	1	3	v	Dr. B. R. Jones	0	0
O. Paull	0	0	v	J. M'Keown	1	3
Dr. Tudor Jones	1	3	v	W. E. Bain	0	0
F. M'Leod	sq.		v	J. Portus	sq.	

ARMIDALE G.C.

ARMIDALE, Monday.

Mixed foursomes were played to-day, resulting as under:—

Mrs. Chard and T. L. Docker	81— 9=72
Miss Armstrong and J. Hartigan	86—12=74
Mrs. and E. Furniss	84—10=74
Mrs. Cameron and C. H. Mocatta	90—14=76
Miss Wigan and Dr. Scott	77, scr., 77
Miss Cameron and R. Blaxland	82— 3=79
Miss Cameron and Miss Wright	92— 6=86

Pictures by Turner fetched record prices at a recent sale at Christie's. "Mortlake Terrace" was sold for £13,230, and a water-colour painting of "Old Heidelberg" realised £4410—the highest price ever given for a water-colour drawing. A picture by Gainsborough brought only £735, but Frederick Walker's "Marlow Ferry" sold for £2835, Millais' "Caller Herrin" for £1890, and "Salisbury Cathedral," by Constable, realised the record price of £5120.

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JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

A dinner in celebration of the diamond jubilee of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows in New South Wales was held last evening at the A.B.C. rooms, and was attended by some 200 members of the order. In the absence of the Grand Master, Mr. A. A. Edwards, who is seriously ill, the gathering was presided over by Mr. J. R. B. Ridley, deputy grand master. The company included the Chief Secretary (Mr. Wood) and Mr. Mercer, M.L.A. The toasts of "The King," "The Governor-General," and "The State Governor," were loyally honoured.

Mr. G. H. Sands, past grand master, proposed "The State Parliament." He mentioned that the original Friendly Societies Act was carried through Parliament by the late Sir Henry Parkes in 1873. The measure proved defective, but it was not until 1894 that they succeeded in getting an amending Act. Five other amending Acts had since been passed, showing that Parliament was ready and willing to give whatever help was necessary to promote the well-being of the friendly society movement. The subventions to friendly societies, for which they had to thank the Wade Government, were a most acceptable piece of legislation, and would enable the society to do work that otherwise would be beyond it.

The Chief Secretary, in response, said there were some 120,000 members enrolled in the friendly societies of this State, and allowing for family life they might fairly assume that half a million people were directly interested in the institution. Parliament as a body appreciated the work done, and there was never anything of a party nature about measures affecting the societies. The subvention measure, to which reference had been made, was initiated by the ex-Premier, but it fell to him as Chief Secretary to pilot it through Parliament. He believed it would help the societies to meet responsibilities which in the past they had not been strong enough to meet, and he was glad to know it was appreciated. There was nothing showy about the work of the present Government. It was not work that appealed to the popular imagination, but it was devised in the best interests of the people, and it would stand the test of time. He claimed that the Government aimed in its legislation at treating all sections of the people justly and fairly. (Cheers.)

Mr. Mercer, M.L.A., also acknowledged the toast.

The Chief Secretary proposed "The Grand United Order of Oddfellows." There were three things, he said, that he had in his mind —(1) the importance of the Oddfellows' order as contrasted with other friendly societies; (2) the excellence of its internal administration; and (3) the excellent results achieved. They had, he was informed, nearly 20,000 members, 200 branches throughout the State, and accumulated funds to the amount of £160,849. During the last ten years the society had distributed £245,629. That was a record of which they might well be proud. There was a time when there was a want of proportion between the contributions and the disbursements of the friendly societies, but careful administration had since put them on a sound basis. He found himself in hearty sympathy with the friendly society movement, and realised that in some respects it had an even greater value in the country towns than in the city. If they did as well in the future as they had done in the past he ventured to say they might safely ask Parliament for further assistance. He had it from the Registrar that the management of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows showed a sagacity and business capacity that was not surpassed by any other society. (Cheers.)

The chairman, in responding, pointed out that, though they were celebrating the diamond jubilee of the order in New South Wales, its foundation here dated back 64 years, because it was not until four years after its foundation in this State that the society received its charter of responsible government.

Mr. H. Jerron, grand secretary, said he was confident that by the end of the year they would have the coveted 20,000 on their members' roll. During the last six months eight new lodges had been opened, and two more were to be opened very shortly. The doctors were trying to exclude from the privilege of lodge membership persons with incomes of £200 or over per year. That was another way of saying that the doctors were seeking to prohibit a very desirable class from joining the lodges, and the attempt at dictation must be firmly resisted. During the past sixty years their society had distributed the enormous sum of £729,900, of which £169,509 was paid in respect of funeral grants, and £243,471 in respect of medical benefits. (Cheers.)

Other toasts honoured included "The Visitors" and "Kindred Societies."

MOTOR CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST.

AT VICTORIA PARK RACECOURSE.

SENSATIONAL RACING ANTICIPATED.

One of the most important motor car races ever held in New South Wales will be decided to-day at Victoria Park Racecourse. The event is likely to prove not only interesting but exciting. The prize money amounts to 100 guineas, this sum being given by Mr. J. Joynton Smith, the owner of the course. As might be expected, all the best cars with pretensions to great speed have entered. Most of these are capable of doing close on 60 to 70 miles an hour; others are not so speedy, but nevertheless they can put up runs which will probably prove sufficiently sensational to satisfy the craving of those who desire to see fast and skilfully handled motors.

Chief amongst the vehicles entered for to-day's race is the 60-h.p. Berliet racing car, owned by Mr. M. Fauvel. This fine specimen of French manufacture is similar to those racing motors which took part in this year's Grand Prix. In the hands of M. Fauvel the vehicle can travel at terrific speed, and, as the daring Frenchman is a determined motorist, the public may expect, notwithstanding his severe handicap of 4m 5s behind, to see him put forth a herculean effort to win. Next in point of speed to the Berliet, Mr. Gordon Dixon's 25-h.p. Talbot, which won the last championship contest, stands out pre-eminent as a very fine car. In trials this vehicle has done almost 50 miles an hour, and, as it gets 1m 10s start from the Berliet, the latter will have to do very "tall" travelling to beat the Talbot. Then there is the 24-h.p. F.I.A.T., owned by Mr. Garrett. This is a new car, and is practically untried; but everyone knows what cars of the same make and power have done, so great things may consequently be expected of it. Of the other cars many are considered remarkably speedy. Mr. Gerard's 15-h.p. Talbot does its 40 miles an hour easily. Mr. Gaut's De Dion is nearly as fast. Then there is the Martini motor, owned by Mr. Chapman, the Clement-Bayard, belonging to Mr. Neild, and Mr. Chapman's 18-h.p. Buick. These automobiles, though less in horse-power than those mentioned earlier, are capable of doing close on 40 miles an hour, and, with their big starts, should give the back vehicles a very hard tussle. With regard to the 15-h.p. Ford, owned by Mr. Nattress, and the 8-h.p. Lisare-Naudin, owned by Mr. E. S. Turner, it is difficult to imagine how they can be caught with the starts allotted them. It is said that in trials these cars have done over 35 miles an hour. If this is so, M. Fauvel will have to do close on 70 miles an hour to win, and the 25-h.p. Talbot will have to exceed the 50 miles an hour rate if it is to score. Taking the cars and the drivers into consideration, the public may certainly expect to witness to-day one of the most daring and exciting competitions for motors ever held out here.

The cinder track, on which the racing takes place, is about a mile in circumference, and is about 70 feet wide. It is not banked, but, being in good order, speeds on it up to 60 or 70 miles an hour are possible. Following is a list of the starters, with their make of car, and handicap:—

Owner.	Make and H.P. of Car.	Handicap.
M. Fauvel	60-h.p. Berliet	4m 5s behind.
G. Dixon	25-h.p. Talbot	2m 55s behind.
Garrett	20-24-h.p. F.I.A.T.	2m 30s behind.
D. Chapman	22-h.p. Martini	2m 25s behind.
G. B. Gerrard	15-h.p. Talbot	2m 25s behind.
J. Neild	15-h.p. Clement-Bayard	2m 25s behind.
D. Chapman	18-h.p. Buick	1m 50s behind.
Gaut	12-14-h.p. De Dion	1m 45s behind.
Nattress	15-h.p. Ford	55s behind.
E. S. Turner	8-h.p. Lisaire-Naudin	Scratch.

The race will be run in two heats and a final, the first two in each heat to start.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

FIRE AT TOONGABBIE.

On Thursday evening, as Mr. Edward Harvey, maintenance man for the Blacktown Shire Council, was returning to his home at Toongabbie after his day's work, he saw his weatherboard cottage in flames. The building, together with the contents, was completely destroyed. Mr. Harvey attributes the outbreak to rats nibbling matches.

CALLS ON THE FIRE BRIGADE.

The M. F. B. have received 534 calls during the period January 1, 1908, to October 1, 1908. Of these 388 were genuine fires, 89 false alarms, and 57 chimney fires. The total number of calls for the same period last year was 573. During the month of September the brigade received 55 calls, being a decrease of 6 on the number of calls for the corresponding month of 1907.

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WINS CHAMPIONSHIP AND FIVE MILES SCRATCH.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY MUTTON.

ANDREWS ANNEXES THE WHEEL RACE.

The Eight-hours sports committee held a number of important cycling events, professional and amateur, in connection with their sports meeting yesterday at the Agricultural Ground. The weather was fine and calm. There were fully 30,000 people present to see the racing, which was about the finest ever witnessed on the ground.

A feature of the day's sport was the splendid riding of G. Horder, the Sydney champion, who, although he had interstate performers against him, won in magnificent style the mile professional championship and also the five miles scratch. Another splendid performer was Andrews, who annexed the rich £40 Wheel Race after one of the best finishes of the day.

Besides the races for professional men there were quite a number of events for amateurs. Chief amongst the contests run was the Mile Championship, which attracted all the best performers in the State. Mutton accounted for the classic race in fine style, and showed himself a master of finesse. The way in which he outgeneralled his opponents was a revelation, and he was heartily applauded for his brilliant win. All the other events were keen and exciting, and aroused considerable enthusiasm. Results:—

Amateur Stakes.—Half-mile handicap, for members of the N.S.W. Cyclists' Union. Prizes: Open orders valued £6, £3, and £1 for the three placed men. First in each heat to start in final.

First heat: W. Atterton, 100yds, 1; C. C. Cooper, 70yds, 2. Won by a wheel. Time, 1m 4 1-5s.

Second heat: W. Starratt, 55yds, 1; W. Sheaves, 85yds, 2. Won by a foot. Time, 1m 5s.

Third heat: J. Beer, 50yds, 1; H. Pollock, 50yds, 2. Won by a length. Time, 1m 3 2-5s.

Fourth heat: E. H. Bull, 100yds, 1; A. J. Gardner, 120yds, 2. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 4s.

Fifth heat: L. Hardie, 100yds, 1; F. Parr, 85yds, 2. Won by a wheel. Time, 1m 2s.

Sixth heat: P. Boyce, 95yds, 1; G. Graham, 85yds, 2. Won by a wheel. Time, 1m 3 1-5s.

Seventh heat: C. J. Cutcliffe, 85yds, 1; J. W. Freer, 75yds, 2. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 0 1-5s.

Eighth heat: J. M. Chapman, 80yds, 1; W. Cook, 85yds, 2. Won by a wheel. Time, 1m 3s.

Ninth heat: F. E. Mutton, scr, 1; C. Taylor, 75yds, 2. Good race. Won by inches. Time, 1m 3 2-5s.

Tenth heat: A. Milton, 100yds, 1; G. T. Stephen, 80yds, 2. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m 0 1-5s.

Final.

C. J. Cutcliffe, 85yds ... 1
E. H. Bull, 100yds ... 2
A. Milton, 100yds ... 3

A splendid race. Cutcliffe made his effort rounding the last turn, and in a well-sustained sprint got home first by a wheel. A length separated the second and third men. Time, 1m 1 1-5s.

Union Handicap, 1¼m. For members of Cyclists' Union. Prizes: Open orders, £6, £2, and £1. First man in each heat and second in two fastest heats to start in final.

First heat: C. Howes, 240yds, 1; A. Milton, 230yds, 2; W. Atterton, 300yds. A length separated the first three riders. Time, 4m 21 4-5s.

Second heat: F. B. Finlay, 220yds, 1; J. J. Fraser, 215yds, 2. A splendid finish. Won by inches. Three riders fell in this race, but were unhurt. Time, 4m 25 1-5s.

Third heat: J. F. Avery, 180yds, 1; P. Shepherd, 110yds, 2. Shepherd led into the straight, but was beaten in the run home by inches. Time, 4m 22 2-5s.

Fourth heat: C. J. Cutcliffe, 240yds, 1; G. Solly, 230yds, 2. Won by a length. Time, 4m 21s.

Fifth heat: J. Wright, 220yds, 1; J. M. Chapman, 225yds, 2. Won by 2ft. Time, 4m 25 2-5s.

Sixth heat: E. H. Bull, 205yds, 1; R. Berriman, 235yds, 2. An exciting race. Won by two lengths. Time, 4m 19 3-5s.

Seventh heat: W. E. Moore, 170yds, 1; J. E. Meller, 275yds, 2. A magnificent finish. Won by two lengths. Time, 4m 27 2-5s.

Eighth heat: S. S. Dow, 210yds, 1; W. T. Taylor, 135yds, 2. A fine finish. Won by a wheel. Time, 4m 26 3-5s.

Ninth heat: F. R. Ray, 110yds, 1; H. H. Watson, 120yds, 2. Mutton, the scratch man, caught his field at two to go, but failed to score. Ray won comfortably by a wheel from Watson. Time, 4m 22 2-5s.

Tenth heat: D. Kirk, 140yds, 1; R. J. Hamilton, 125yds, 2. An easy win by four lengths. Time, 4m 26 4-5s.

Final.

D. Kirk, 140yds ... 1
C. Howes, 240yds ... 2
J. F. Avery, 180yds ... 3

Kirk took the lead 200yds from home, and won a splendid race by a length. Howes beat Avery for second place by a wheel. Time, 4m 19s.

Eight-hour Wheel Race; two miles. First prize £40, second £6, third £3, fourth £1. First two in each heat to start in final.

First heat: T. J. Gascoyne (Newcastle), scr, 1; A. H. Shepherd (Newcastle), 220yds, and G. Horder, scr, dead heat, 2. Seven started. The scratch bunch soon headed the leaders. At the bell Horder was in front, and looked all out a winner. Rounding the last turn, however, Gascoyne took the lead, and a desperate race then ensued. In a terrific finish Gascoyne got home in front of Horder and Shepherd, who dead heated for second place. Time, 4m 32 2-5s.

Second heat: J. W. Henderson, 320yds, 1; H. G. Porter, 340yds, 2; A. H. Darley, 320yds, 3. Nine started. A slow race. Henderson beat Porter by a wheel; third was two lengths away. Time, 4m 45s.

Third heat: H. Burnage, 320yds, 1; W. A. Cartwright, 340yds, 2. A scattered race. Won by two lengths, five lengths separating second and third. Time, 4m 29s.

Fourth heat: F. D. Andrews, 300yds, 1; R. Hird, 280yds, 2; H. Lundie, 340yds, 3. Seven started. Won by a length. A foot separated second and third placed men. Time, 4m 40 4-5s.

Fifth heat: H. Brown, 280yds, 1; P. J. Hird, 280yds, 2; F. M'Intosh, 280yds, 3. A splendid finish. Won by a wheel; third man close up. Time, 4m 36s.

Sixth heat: W. O'Reilly, 280yds, 1; A. W. Blackwell, 280yds, 2; L. J. Stace, 280yds, 3. Nine started. This race was remarkable for the fine performance of O'Reilly, the one-armed cyclist, who with a fine finish won easily by a length. Time, 4m 42 2-5s.

Final.

F. D. Andrews, 300yds ... 1
H. Burnage, 320yds ... 2
R. Hird, 280yds ... 3

All eligible to compete faced the starter. A fast-run race. Horder and Gascoyne, the scratch men, by alternate pacing, got within 50 yards of the leading bunch at one to go, but gave up a quarter of a lap from home. In a fine finish Andrews beat Burnage by two lengths. Hird was close up third. Time, 4m 23s.

Boys' Bicycle Race, 1m. Prizes, £1 10s, 15s, and 10s (trophies).

P. Quinlan, 45yds ... 1
R. Dive, 75yds ... 2
H. Dive, scr ... 3

Won easily. No time taken.

Novelty Race (under League of Wheelmen). First prize, £3; second prize, £1.—P. R. Henry, 1; W. A. K. Harris, 2. Won easily.

One Mile Amateur Championship of New South Wales (Cyclists' Union). Prizes: First, £5; second, £2; third, £1 (open orders). First man in each heat to qualify for final.

First heat: S. W. Beet (Western Suburbs), 1; H. H. Watson (Sydney), 2. Won easily. Time, 2m 29 2-5s.

Second heat: W. S. Knox (Sydney), 1; F. R. Ray (Balmain), 2. Four started. Knox made his effort entering the straight, and won easily by three lengths. Time, 2m 24s.

Third heat: C. M. Cutliffe, 1; F. W. Kaltenback, 2. Four started. Won by a wheel. Time, 2m 24 2-5s.

Fourth heat: P. E. Mutton (Swift), 1; P. Shepherd (Balmain), 2. Four started. Beer when racing Mutton to the tape fell heavily, but was unhurt. Time, 2m 17 1-5s.

Final.

P. E. Mutton ... 1
W. S. Knox ... 2
S. W. Beet ... 3

All started. The pace was slow at the start. At the bell the riders made the running very hot. In a desperate finish Mutton beat Knox by a foot. Beet was a wheel away third. Time, 2m 24 2-5s. (Mr. J. J. Pickburn, chairman of the Queensland Cyclists' Union, started this race.)

One Mile Championship (League of Wheelmen). First prize, £15; second, £3; third, £2. First two in each heat to qualify for the final.

First heat: T. Gascoyne (Newcastle), 1; C. E. Glencross (Sydney), 2. Gascoyne made his effort half a lap from home, and sprinting brilliantly beat Glencross by six lengths. No time taken.

Second Heat.—G. Horder (Sydney), 1; E. Payne (Queensland), 2. Three started. Horder, in the rush to the tape, just beat Payne by a foot. Time, 2m 24 4-5s.

Third Heat.—A. J. Davies (Vic.), 1; F. S. Hagney (N.S.W.), 2. A solid race, Davis winning in the sprint by a length. Time, 2m 14 4-5s.

Fourth Heat.—E. A. Pye (Vic.), 1; E. Bestel (N.S.W.) 2. Four started. Pye left his effort until a hundred yards from the tape. He beat Bestel nicely by a wheel. Time, 2m 15 4-5s.

FINAL.

G. Horder (Sydney) ... 1
F. J. Gascoyne (Newcastle) ... 2
P. E. Quinlan (Sydney) ... 3

All eligible to compete started. At the pistol Pye rushed for the pacer's wheel, Payne almost immediately fell. At the bell the men were travelling at a terrific rate, Horder running abreast of Gascoyne on the outside. Rounding the last bend Horder jumped to the front, and got a lead of three lengths on the others. The race then resolved itself into a battle of giants between Horder and Gascoyne. The former had too good a lead, however, and, finishing strongly, beat his great rival by a length. Time, 2m 13s.

The M'Gowen Handicap, 1m. First prize £8, second £3, third £2. First two in each heat to start in final.

First Heat.—A. H. Shepherd, 150yds, 1; F. S. Andrews, 150yds, 2. Won by a wheel. Time, 2m 8 1-5s.

Second Heat.—G. H. Horder, scr., 1; W. O'Reilly, 160yds, 2. A splendid race, the scratch man beating the one-armed rider by a foot. Time, 2m 10s.

Third Heat.—W. A. Cartwright, 190yds, 1; W. A. K. Harris, 130yds, 2. A good race. Won by a couple of lengths. Time, 2m 8s.

Fourth Heat.—F. Bennasani, 190yds, 1; J. Rattray, 160yds, 2. Won by three lengths. Time, 2m 8s.

Fifth Heat.—R. Hird, 150yds, 1; L. J. Stace, 160yds, 2. A foot separated the first three men. Time, 2m 10 2-5s.

Sixth Heat.—H. G. Burnage, 160yds, 1; E. J. M'Gee, 160yds, 2. Won by a length; a foot between second and third. Time, 2m 9 4-5s.

FINAL.

H. G. Burnage, 180yds ... 1
F. D. Andrews, 150yds ... 2
W. A. Cartwright, 190yds ... 3

Burnage took the lead half a lap from home, and stalling off all opposition won handsomely by a length. The third man was a foot away. Time, 2m 10 2-5s.

The Fisher Scratch Race (League of Wheelmen): 5m. Prizes, first £13, second £5, third £2. Lap prizes, 5s and 2s 6d.

G. Horder (Sydney) ... 1
T. Gascoyne (Newcastle) ... 2
A. J. Davis (Vic.) ... 3

Sixteen started. From the start the pace was terrific, everyone being seemingly anxious to win the lap prizes. At 10 to go, Summers got a break on the field, and led for five laps. At the bell Horder led. Rounding the last turn, Gascoyne made a desperate effort to head the local champion. In the run home, however, Horder proved the speedier, and won by a length. Davis was close up third. Time, 11m 46 1-5s.

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CATHERINE'S CHILD.

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CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

The eyes of middle age are often but ghosts of their former selves; robbed of their brilliance, of their curved and pointed length of lashes, of their clear blue whites, and their setting of smooth brow and glowing cheek; the little windows of the soul grow dimmer with the passing of the years. But at five and thirty, Catherine's hazel eyes were yet beautiful enough, and the soul looked forth from them with the almost childish gentleness and wistfulness that David remembered in the charming maiden who had gone primrosing with him on that far-off April day.

"You have a friend in me, now and always. I think you know that," he answered her, as impulsively as Delia herself would have spoken, and with as little self-consciousness. "And if you miss Delia, what about me? You see," he went on unsteadily, "there were only us two, and when she went—I knew there wasn't a soul on earth who really cared what became of me. I don't mean I haven't plenty of friends, but that's not the same thing. One's success or failure, one's sickness or one's health, isn't a matter of life or death to one's friends, however devoted they are. There wasn't anything left for me —but work."

"You have done so splendidly," cried Catherine. "Oh, David, often and often I have thought—if Delia could only have heard this —if she could only have read that——"

"Aye, so have I," said David, simply enough. "But there it is. I'd nobody to telegraph my good news to; nobody whose pleasure in the show was the real thing one cared most about. But it's no use thinking of that," he went on more cheerfully. "I suppose there are any amount of old people, and not a few middle-aged ones, who know the sadness of a success when there's no one left to be pleased about it."

Catherine looked into her past, and found no one there to whom her success or failure had ever been a matter of life or death. But her sympathy was none the less with David, for she knew his sister had idolised him beyond everyone and everything in the world.

"That's the worst of putting all one's eggs in one basket," he said, trying to laugh. "Ah, Catherine, you don't know what the blank of mail-day was to me for years after Delia died. I don't believe she ever missed a mail, God bless her. Fellows who have lived ten years out of England at a stretch know what that means."

"Did the thought of her children comfort you a little?"

"I can't say it did," he returned frankly. "If anything, I felt a grudge against the poor atom who had been the innocent cause of—but now I've seen her, a little living reminder of Delia, of course it's different. Coming home has brought it all back, though, worse than I thought; and especially seeing poor George so miserable."

"He has never got over it," said Catherine, sympathetically.

"It isn't that," he said briefly.

She waited.

"Catherine, there's only one thing for George to do—he ought to marry again."

"You say that!"

"I am the only person who can say it, because I'm the only person who sees things as Delia would have seen them. George knows that."

"I can't help feeling—I am sure he would feel—that it would be unfaithful," she faltered.

"The dead cannot share our lives with us, however dear their memories are," said David. "One would become morbid and cowardly if one didn't fight one's sorrow and put it in the background of work and existence." He stopped short, for the wistful questioning in poor Catherine's eyes reminded him that she, too, was in something of the same position as George. He leant forward and took her hand gently. "It is very different for you. A woman's sorrow is a very sacred and beautiful thing," he said, with emotion. "But George is a man, and has to live a man's life, and do a man's work."

He released the little soft hand, and rose from his chair, once more restlessly pacing the low room.

"I can see what sort of an existence George has been leading for some years past. He came back listless and broken-hearted, and let his mother and sister say and do what they would. Old Aunt Lydia rules the house with a rod of iron, and Clara is her blind and stupid mouthpiece. If the child shows a flash of her mother's spirit she is snubbed, and whatever she does or does not do she is nagged at from morning till night by Clara, who has kindly undertaken her education, and imagines herself the most devoted aunt in the world."

"Have you said anything?"

"I am too wise to waste my words. In their eyes, you know, I am still the presumptuous young man who ventured into the army when he ought to have looked for a three-legged stool in an office. I shall be a poor relation in the estimation of Aunt Lydia to the end of the chapter, just as George will always be a fashionable young Guardsman."

Catherine could not help a little low laugh.

"That is it, exactly. So am I a poor relation, though of course it is a hundred times more ridiculous in your case," she said, with her customary and quite unaffected humility.

"I don't see that."

"You don't see yourself," said Catherine, smiling. "But I am sure Aunt Lydia must be proud of you in her heart. I wish you had heard her boasting of you during the war to poor Mrs. Bell, whose son was a humble trooper in the yeomanry. She laid down the law so about the latest victories, and contradicted the newspaper accounts so flatly, that we though she must be really quoting your letters."

"I never wrote to her from South Africa but once," said David, grimly, "to thank her for the one letter she wrote me."

"When you got your V.C.?"

"No, no. When I was taken prisoner," said David, smiling. "She wrote to tell me how very unlucky it was, and how they all felt for my mortification, and how much she hoped I had not been too severely blamed by the authorities."

"Why," cried Catherine, indignantly, "the papers were full of praise—you were dangerously wounded—you——"

"Oh, that was all right," said David. "I wrote from hospital, and thanked her kindly, and said I hoped I might live it down in time. The composition of that letter helped me and my friend Pollock—who lost his leg, poor chap, in the same action—through a weary time. You see, condolences are more in Aunt Lydie's line than congratulations. When I inherited my old uncle's little fortune, she was as mum as a stockfish; and I remember poor Delia writing that neither Aunt Lydia nor Clara could rest at night for anxiety lest my unexpected good luck should turn my head."

"But how glad Delia was. She was always saying, 'Now David can exchange into the cavalry; now he can keep polo ponies; now he can rise as high as he will—if only he doesn't get married'—and you didn't get married," said Catherine.

"No, no, I am not a marrying man," said David, colouring and laughing. "It is George who ought to find a wife. I want to get him to come up to town with me, directly I've found rooms and got into harness at the War Office. Once there it will be easy enough. There must be plenty of pretty young ladies about, and George knows lots of people, though I don't."

Catherine smiled; but, quick as he was, David did not divine the cause of her smile.

"Are you sure that for little Lily it would not be jumping out of the frying pan into the fire? Why should an unknown stepmother be better for her than Clara?"

"Anybody would be better than Clara," said David, decidedly, "anybody young and nice and sympathetic."

"Suppose he caught a tartar?"

"That would be unfortunate, certainly."

"You know George does rather lend himself to—I don't mean he isn't manly enough," said Catherine, hesitating, "but—Delia did just what she liked with him."

"Oh, I know he's one of those good-natured fellows who are always led by the nose by some woman or other," said David. "That's why it's so obvious he ought to marry. It's more natural that a wife should boss him than his mamma and sister; and then they could be off to Cheltenham or Bath and leave him in peace. That was to have been the programme eventually if poor Delia had lived. And perhaps then, Catherine," his brown eyes softened, "they would spare little Lily to me now and then. She's the only creature in the world who seems to me a little bit like Delia. I don't feel drawn to Hector in the same way, though he's a fine lad. I want to see him at Eton."

"He and Philippa are just of an age."

"A boy is one thing and a girl is another. Philippa is ten years older than that young cub for all practical purposes."

"Did you think her pretty?" asked Catherine timidly.

"Pretty! I have seen nothing half so beautiful for many a long day."

Catherine's heart warmed with this unaccustomed enthusiasm.

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15 Useful Harness Horses and Ponies, broken in. Among the lot is a black Pony, 12.2, very fast.
On account J. E. DAVIS, Arcadia.
Dapple Grey Active Draught Gelding, 6 years old, and very staunch.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, AT 2.30 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. THOS. GRAHAM, Ja---oo, to sell by auction,

A Truck of Useful Harness Horses. Full particulars at sale.

TO TROTTING MEN, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, at 12 o'clock,

Chestnut Gelding, 5 yrs., by Login Briton, thoroughly reliable in sad. and har.
SPARROW, Bay Gelding, 4 yrs., by Bentwood, dam a Vanelere mare, broken to sad. and har., a maiden.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

THIS DAY, 2 O'CLOCK SHARP.

J. H. BEALE will sell by auction, account various owners,

10 HORSES, Broken and Unbroken.

WOOL SALES.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, TUESDAY, at the SYDNEY WOOL EXCHANGE, Bridge-street, at 3 p.m., as under:—
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., 3061 Bales.
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., 1735 Bales.
Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., 2975 Bales.

VICTORIA PARK RACES TO-DAY, TUESDAY.—The Sensation of the Hour—the Motor Race.

AUCTION SALE OF RESUMED BUILDINGS, FOR DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL, ON THE ROCKS AREA.

THIS DAY, at 2.30.

JAMES COWAN has received instructions to sell, in Lots,—

Lot 1.—Building, Kendall-lane.
Lot 2.—83, 85, 87 Cumberland-street, near Argyle-cut.
Lot 3.—104, 127 Gloucester-street.
Lot 4.—13, 15, 17 Little Essex-street.
Lot 5.—136, 138 Kent-street, opposite Gas Works.

*** Intending Purchasers, please note, the Lots will be offered in the above order. TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE.

TO-MORROW, OCTOBER 7, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

50,000 FEET HARDWOOD, MARKET TIMBERS. 3 x 1, 3 x 2, 4 x 2¼, 5 x 2¼, 6 x 2¼

PICKETS, PALINGS, WEATHERBOARDS.

JAMES COWAN has received instructions to SELL IN LOTS, On the Premises, Adjoining Messrs. Gordon Marr's Engineering Works, MILLER-STREET, PYRMONT.

The attention of Builders and others is called to the above IMPORTANT SALE OF NEW TIMBERS.

TERMS CASH.

VICTORIA PARK RACES TO-DAY, TUESDAY.—First Race at 2 p.m.

COUNTRY RESORTS.

A FISHING TACKLE SHOP THAT SELLS BAIT. DON'T BE TROUBLED ABOUT BAIT. Leave your order with EASTWAY'S, and they will send it anywhere. EASTWAY'S will fix it up for travelling. Fresh Green Prawns. Prawns headed and packed in Sawdust. Live Worms. Green Weed for Black Fish. We will carry out your wishes. We supply Berley as it is ordered. EASTWAY'S TACKLE STORE. George-street, 7 doors below the G.P.O.

A TWO-ROOM fur. Cottage, 8s 6d, week-ends 3s 6d. J. Smith, Hazelbrook, Blue Mountains.

LEURA.—New Furn. Cottage, close stn., piano and gas. T. Quinn, Co., 76A Pitt-st, Syd. T. 2201 Cen.

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VICTORIA PARK RACES TO-DAY, TUESDAY.—Motor Champion Handicap, for 100-guineas Trophy.

LOST AND FOUND.

LADY who took Lemaire Glasses by mistake, race tram, Monday, please return 77 Castlereagh-st.

LOST, at Bondi, Sat. aftn., B. and T. E. Ter. PUP. Reward. Cliff Cottage, B. Beach, after 6 p.m.

LOST, gold Brooch, amethyst, pearls, Fri., bet. St. Paul's S. H. and Darling-st, Rozelle. Rew. Above ad.

LOST, gold BROOCH, between Rowntree and Harris sts, Balmain. Finder rewarded. 46 Harris-st.

LOST, La Perouse, Bag Purse, money, purse, gloves. Keep money. V. Keppie, 10 Emmerick-st, L'hardt.

LOST, heavy gold Bangle, Botanic Gardens, Eight-hour Day. Reward. Navuni, Cowles-rd, Mosman.

LOST, Randwick paddock, Monday, pearl and turquoise Earring. Rewd. Williams, 90 Darlinghurst-rd.

LOST, Hyde Park, Sunday night, Bunch KEYS. Reward. T. W. Disher, Columbia Hotel, C'reagh-st.

LOST, Flinders-st, Brooch and Pin, keepsakes, value-less. Reward. 4 Little Underwood-st, Padd.

LOST, races, Monday, Brown FUR. 2 Nelson-st, Woollahra; or Tel., 474 Edgecliff.

LOST, Sunday, Centl. Park, Fox Terrier, black marks head. Reward. 150 Queen-st, Woollahra.

LOST, Plans, Manly. Return Tuesday, new building, High-st, Manly; or Wild, Manly wharf. Rew.

LOST in Park-st, Silver Brooch, keepsake, kangaroo in centre. Reward, 229 George-st North.

LOST, Randwick Racecourse, Gold Amethyst Bangle. Reward, Gosset and Co., 68 Pitt-st.

LOST, Manly, Gold Cable Bangle, lock inscribed L. to G., 1907. Rew. Joynson, May, Cardigan-st, Stn.

LOST, Silver Purse, initials J.M., in or near Barcom-avenue. Reward, apply Box 1083, G.P.O.

LOST, Swan Fountain Pen, nr. G.P.O., or L. Gowst. Finder write J. T., Gladesville P.O. Rew. 10s.

LOST, Back Comb, set brilts., bet. Kurraba-rd, Neutral Bay and Races., or Town H. Reward, Herald.

LOST fr. Waterloo, Bay Mare, E under mane, wh. star on forehead; rew. M. Buckley, Brice-st, Waterloo.

LOST, Sun., betw. Ashfield and Mosman, Heart, Chain attach., sapph., pearls. Good reward. 520 George-st.

LOST, chestnut Horse, white hind foot, long tail and mane. 10s reward. 123 Parramatta-rd, Leichhardt.

LOST, old-fash gold and diam. Brooch, bet. Bondi J. and Charing Cross. Rew. 28 Victoria-st, Waverley.

LOST, Sun., Federal Pk., silver grey Yorkshire Terrier, red collar. Rew. 265 Trafalgar-st, Annandale.

LOST, young black Dog, short tail, white underlip. Reward. 276 Oxford-st, Waverley. Tel., 388.

LOST, bet. St. Peters and Rockdale, Brown Parcel, contg. felt hat. Rew., A. Goode, James-st, Rkdle.

LOST, Rose Bay, Sunday, small Purse, money. Miss Williams, Adelaide Studio, 256 Pitt-st.

LOST, Girls' Blue Coat, Mosman Town Hall, Friday night. Rew., Rotherhurst, Muston-st, Mosman.

LOST, Irish Terrier, 8 months old, rough coat, brown nose, good rew. 57 Hordern-st, Newtown.

LOST, Sunday night, G. C. Bangle, Newtown bridge or tram to St. Peters. Rew., 75 Botany-rd, Wat'loo.

LOST, Fawn and White COLLIE DOG. Reward. R. Austin, 286 Cleveland-st, Surry Hills.

LOST, Gold Cable Bangle, between Wilson-st, Ntn, Railway, and Coogee. Rew., 577 Riley-st, S. H.

LOST, Saturday night, Alfred-st, near Campbell-st, Opal Brooch. Rew., Nalgar, Campbell-st, Mil. Pt.

LOST, Black CAPE, between Riley-st and Blues Point Ferry, Sat. E. Summers, 19 Riley-st, N.S.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, yesterday, between Mosman Wharf and The Spit, Lady's Gold Curb Bracelet, with padlock, possibly on tram cars, tram lines, or Middle Harbour. Finder reply Miss Howard, Branxholme, Mosman.

LOST, between Hyde Park and Walker's Restaurant, gold Bar BROOCH, moon and star, set with pearls and rubies. Reward. Herald, King-street.

LOST, Monday, Quay, Manly jetty, PENDANT and CHAIN, containing baby's photo and hair. Valued hair. Kindly return to 126 Mount-street, North Sydney.

LOST, Monday, on seat at Synagogue, Gray PEGGY BAG, silver mounts, containing money and cards. Please return to 22 Kellett-street, Darlinghurst.

LOST, Lady's HANDBAG, in train, containing purse, silver, key, ticket. Reward. Mrs. AGNEW, Benham-street, Petersham.

NORTH BOTANY POUND.—Roan and White Cow, nr. rump T over half-circle, Springers; Black Cow, nr. rump like YI; Brown Filly, nr. shldr. 2, unshod; Brown Mare, like K (reversed) C on thigh, K (reversed) C, unshod; Bay Gelding, no visible brands, unshod.

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REWARD.—Lost, at Randwick saddling paddock, pair Fieldglasses. Harry Morphew, 27 Oxford-st, Wavly.

REWARD.—Lost between Newtown and Balmoral, lady's gold Fob CHAIN. 17 King-st, Newtown.

REWARD, 20s.—Left in wrong boat, Manly wharf, Pre'tation Kit Bag, S.J.F. 52 Paddington-st, Pad.

TEN SHILLINGS REWARD.—LOST, from Stanhope, Moore Park, one Black COOLIE DOG, grey hairs on muzzle and paws, scum on near eye. McPETRIDGE.

FOUND, a Gold Brooch at Mosman. Apply 79 Bank-buildings, Military rd, Mosman.

FOUND, silver-plated BELT. Owner can have by describing and paying expenses. Call 330 Pitt-st.

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FOUND, on Randwick racecourse, Lady's TICKET, which will be returned to owner on furnishing particulars. Mrs. FOGG, Dunoon, Toxteth-road, Glebe Point.

VICTORIA PARK RACES TO-DAY, TUESDAY. Take Special Tram at King-st; only 10min. ride.

LECTURES.

PARENTS and Teachers' Union of N.S.W., Meeting TO-NIGHT, at 8, Royal Society's House, Elizabeth-street. Lecture, "Science Teaching for Children." Mr. Clunies Roff, B.S. Public invited.

VICTORIA PARK RACES TO-DAY, TUESDAY.—Large fields, keen competition, spirited betting.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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MADAME ADELL, the most reliable and true Clairvoyante, daily 10 to 10. 462 Bourke-st, Surry Hills.

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GORDON FOSTER, Scientific Palmist and Clairvoyante, 169 Wm.-st, fac. church, to-d., 10 to 9.

WANTED, Reg. Person care Baby Boy, 5 months, in Padd. or W'hra. Y.B., Padd. P.O.

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RESULT OF FIFTH DISTRIBUTION OF GENUINE MONTHLY BALLOT LOANS.

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DRAWING TOOK PLACE AT 8 P.M. ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1908.

The amount subscribed was apportioned in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, and the Drawing was carried out in the Hall at Royal-chambers, Sydney, under the supervision of the Directors, and in the presence of a large number of the subscribers. The subscribers unanimously elected Messrs. R. W. HUGHES and R. F. CRAWFORD as Scrutineers, and Mr. W. V. HESLEHURST, of the Sunday Times, was unanimously elected to draw the Marbles from the Ballot-box.

The Result of the Ballot has impartially determined that the Holders of the undermentioned Share Warrants are entitled to Loans of the amounts set against each of such Share Warrants; the said Loans are all granted Free of Interest for Fifty Years as and from the 3rd day of October instant.

One of £50, 350.
One of £30, 259.
One of £20, 346.
One of £10, 450.
Two of £5 each, 198 and 230.
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AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I audited the Books, Documents, Vouchers, etc., of the Mutual Loan Agency, Limited, in connection with the Fifth Ballot, and find same to be correct, there being 640 Share Warrants of 5s each issued, totalling £160 apportioned as above, and that I was also present at the drawing of such Fifth Ballot, and that the result of same, as above published, is also correct.

(Signed) JAS. TAYLOR, F.C.A.A., Incorporated Accountant.

National Mutual-chambers, Pitt and Bond streets, Sydney, October 3, 1908.

VICTORIA PARK RACES TO-DAY, TUESDAY.—The "Eleventh Fifty" and "Second Two Hundred."

GAS COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS. RALEIGH'S NEW PARAGON. (ENAMELLED OR PLAIN.) SCHOOL OF ARTS, PITT-STREET, SYDNEY, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, AT 2.30 P.M., GRAND DISPLAY OF HIGH-CLASS PASTRY COOKING. TWO NEW PARAGONS IN OPERATION. ALSO, THE LATEST ENGLISH GAS STOVE. THE STARTLING SWISS ROLL TEST. COOKING WITHOUT GAS. THE GREAT RING TEST. AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED. ADMISSION FREE AND EASY.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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E. A. HARRIS, F.C.P.A., Incorporated Accountant.

Imperial-chambers, 16 O'Connell-street, 1st October, 1908.

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NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.—The Public are hereby WARNED that FIELD FIRING with Ball Ammunition will be carried out on the Point between Long Bay and Maroubra Bay, in the direction of the sea, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on October 10. H. DAKIN, Lieut., Secretary.

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COLLINS.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES COLLINS and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved WIFE and MOTHER, Teresa; to leave her late residence, 284 Bridge-rd., Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for C. E. Cemetery, Rookwood. Byrnes and Co., 185 Geo.-st. W.

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DAVEY.—The Funeral of the late Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD DAVEY will leave his late residence, Dalkeith, 8 Fisher-street, Petersham, THIS (Tuesday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Independent Cemetery, Necropolis, via Petersham Station.
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DIXON.—The Friends of the late Mr. THOMAS DIXON, J.P., Undertaker, of 29 Oxford-street, city, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave St. Francis' Church, Paddington, THIS DAY (TUESDAY), at 3 o'clock, for R.C. Cemetery, Waverley.

DIXON.—The Friends of Mr. EDWARD DIXON (of Gulgong), are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved BROTHER, Thomas Dixon; to leave St. Francis' Church, Paddington, THIS DAY (TUESDAY), at 3 o'clock, for R.C. Cemetery, Waverley.

DIXON.—The Friends of Messrs. HENRY E. and THOMAS A. DIXON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER, Thomas Dixon; to leave St. Francis' Church, Paddington, THIS DAY (TUESDAY), at 3 o'clock, for R.C. Cemetery, Waverley.

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THE MASTER UNDERTAKERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.—The Members of the above Association are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late Member, Mr. THOMAS DIXON; to move from St. Francis' Church, Paddington, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for R.C. Cemetery, Waverley.
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GRUNENGER.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. GOTTLOB CHRISTIAN GRUNENGER are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his residence, 51 West-street, Darlinghurst, THIS TUESDAY, at 2.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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